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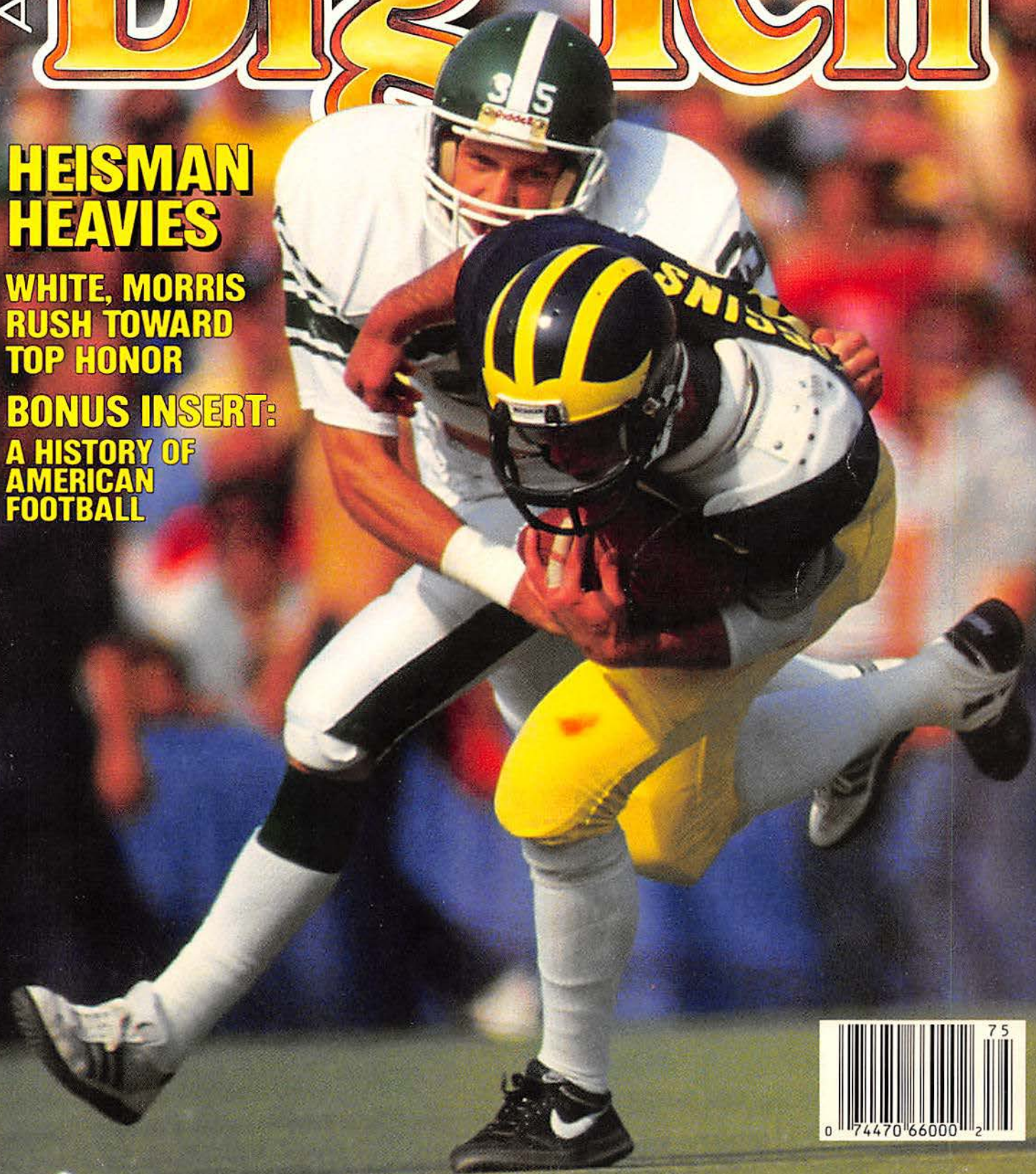
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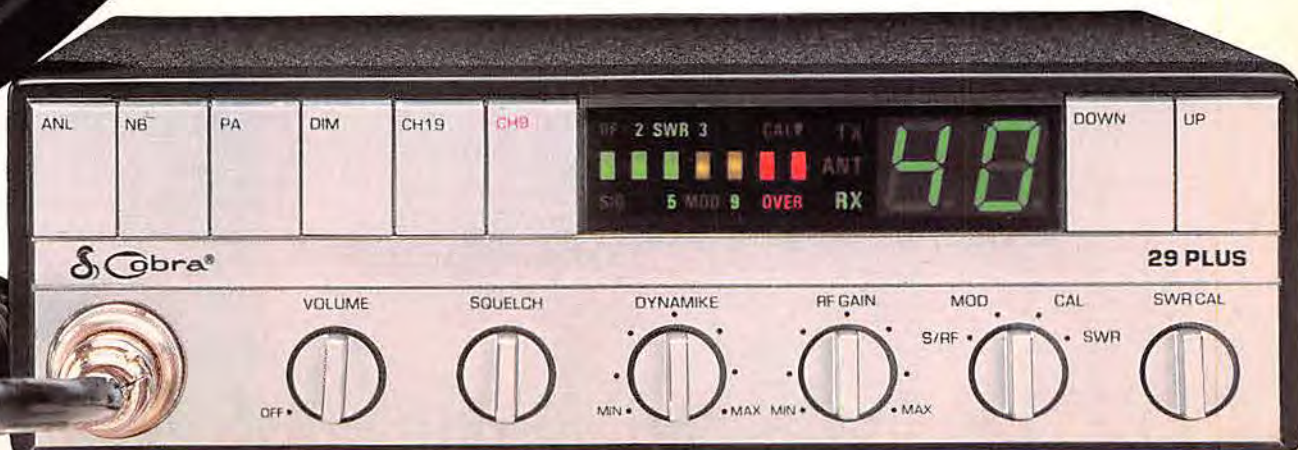
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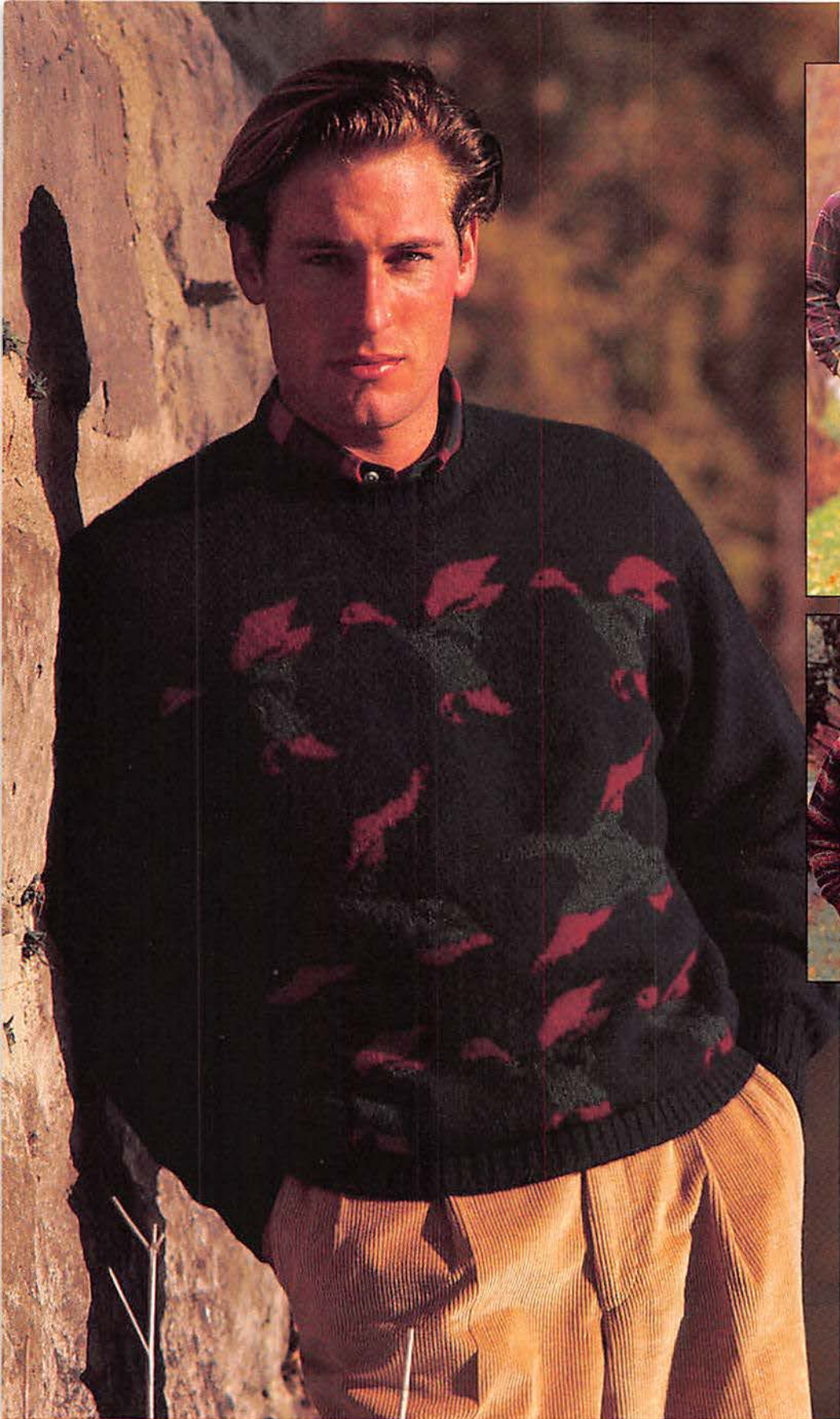
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Letter from the Publisher

After 20 years of publishing *Athlon's* preseason football annuals, one of the things that we are most proud of is the work of our many outstanding writers under the direction of Editor George Leonard.

Leonard's effort in putting together this year's most impressive array of bylined stories is perhaps one of his finest achievements.

Athlon was founded on a basis of solid, in-depth analyses and predictions. To augment these expert evaluations, Leonard is constantly searching for entertaining features, some enlightening, a few breezy. This year's lineup is a feast for football fanatics (the publisher included).

The features start with Dave Kindred's penetrating story on that controversial coaching change at Alabama: Ray Perkins to Tampa Bay, replaced by Bill Curry of Georgia Tech. "'Bama Hires an Outsider and Reaction Is Mixed" begins on page 23.

Joe Falls looks back at his 42-year career as a sportswriter in "Ah, Those Saturday Afternoons." Joe tells why he loves this assignment more than any other. It starts on page 27.

All the great college football coaches aren't coaching in Division I-A. Erk Russell, Georgia Southern coach, has won two straight Division I-AA national championships at a school that had no football program six years ago. Ed Hinton explains the unusual psychology this man with the shiny, bald pate uses to influence his players. "Erk Russell" begins on page 55.

The annual semitechnical feature by Peter Finney has become one of our most popular pieces. "Double-Dealing Defenses, Deceiving Disguises" is the title. It deals with complicated movements designed to confuse the offense. Finney does an excellent job describing the tactics and explaining the terminology. It opens on page 169.

Fans are always interested in the stars and future stars. Who's in the running for the Heisman Trophy? Who will be the record breakers? Read Herschel Nissenson's "A Star-Spangled Season," starting on page 94, and find out.

This year's Great Rivalries story, opening on page 101, highlights Nebraska vs. Oklahoma, always a game of national significance. Bill Connors gives you an insightful view of the Big Eight's hottest rivalry.

"Wondrous Wolverine Williamson." Tim Cohane asks us for his first name (four letters) in the crossword puzzle on page 106. Answer that question and 99 others, and our hat's off to you.

The collection of photographs and the knowledge of veteran journalist Leonard is the basis for "As Thousands Cheered: A History of American Football." This 32-page bonus insert, definitely a collector's item, is unlike anything we've ever produced. It follows page 120.

Athlon has never accepted betting advertising. That's probably why we loved Jay Searcy's piece about the many services (they call themselves sports analysts) that fill the pages of our competitors. We found it interesting that Jay's 79-year-old neighbor, Millie, did better predicting than most so-called experts. Millie doesn't know anything about football. Turn to page 122 and read about Millie's unique method in "Help from Analyst? Don't Bet on It."

Steve Wieberg's "Good News Outweighs Bad: College Football

Shaping Up," beginning on page 125, takes a close look at the game's ills and what is being done about them. Wieberg points to issues that are coming to a head. Be sure to read why college administrators felt that they had to gain control of athletics.

Have you ever wondered how coaches and players are selected for college football's Hall of Fame? Fred Russell has been chairman of the Hall of Fame's honors court for 25 years. His story on page 127, "Honoring Men Who Honor the Game," explains how Hall of Famers are chosen.

Our choice for Assistant Coach of the Year is Jerry Sandusky, defensive coordinator of Penn State's 1986 national champion. You'll enjoy Bill Lyon's profile of this remarkable man, which begins on page 128.

Mike Babcock writes about a facet of football that intrigues most fans: What do teams do at halftime? The "win one for the Gipper" approach is passé. Some of college football's greatest coaches were quizzed in "Sometimes a Word Will Do," starting on page 131. Their comments are revealing.

Of course, you've matched wits and tactics with famous coaches as you've sat in the stadium or watched on TV. Many of our readers look forward to "You Be the Coach"

and testing their knowledge. Hayden Fry of Iowa and John Cooper of Arizona State called the plays this year. Flip to page 132.

Great photographs will always be a part of *Athlon*. This year Managing Editor Daryl Sanders and his staff have selected a Photo of the Year. This will become an annual feature.

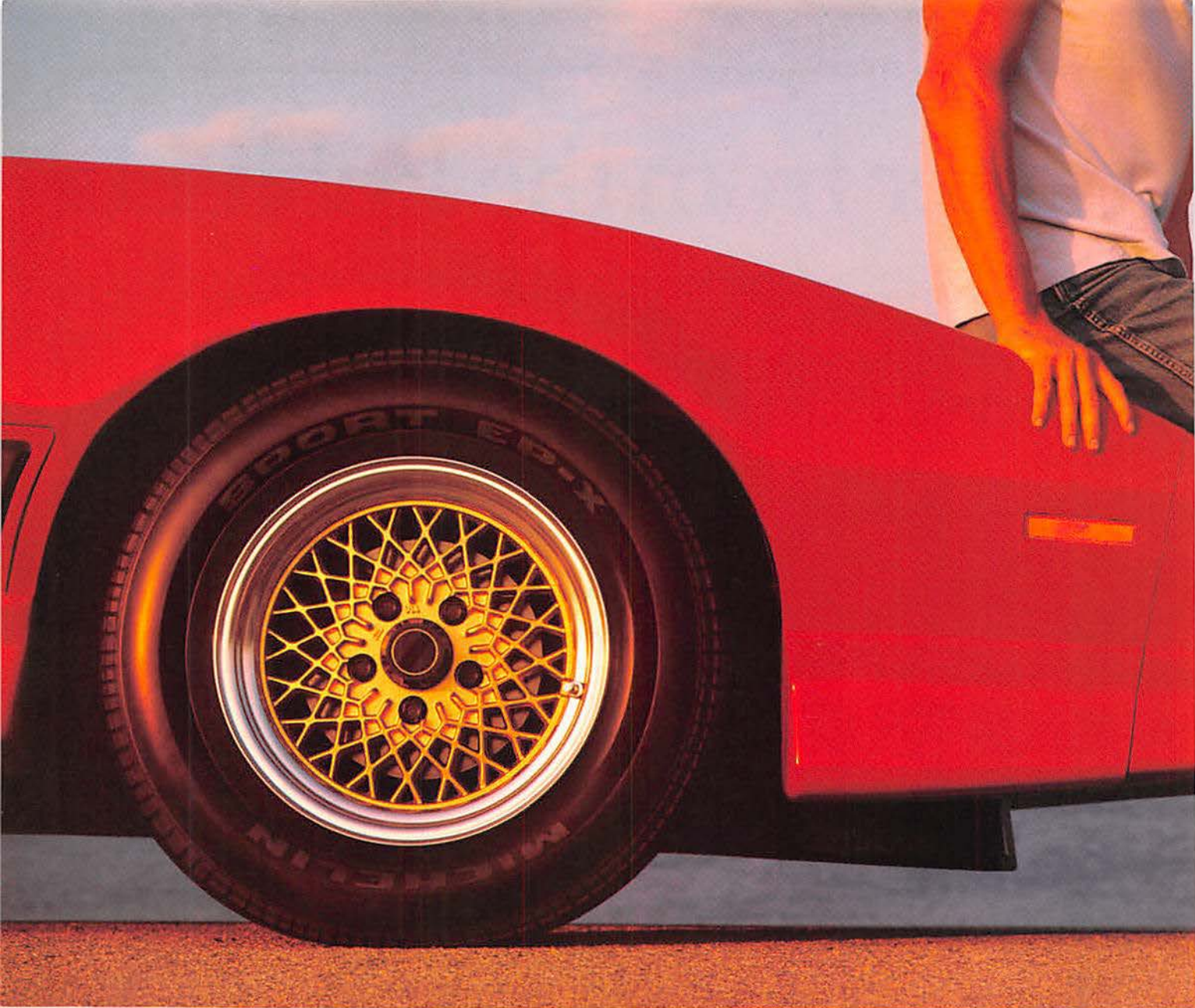
And by all means don't miss this year's lovely ladies in "Honey Watching on a Saturday Afternoon," beginning on page 142.

Predictions? Check out my fearless forecasts on pages 87-90. No fan mail, please.



Red Grange's last college game ("As Thousands Cheered"—bonus insert).

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Call them the odd couple. At Ohio State, All-America linebacker Chris Spielman and all-aspiring quarterback Tom Tupa are roommates. It is fire living with ice, a bucket of nails and scrap metal beside an artist's palette.

"He's real neat, and I'm not the neatest guy alive," Spielman, a 6-2, 232-pound senior, says. "Tom's your typical quarterback. The polo shirts. The cute smile. All the girls love him.

"But he's a great athlete. You watch him play basketball or baseball, or even run, and you can see it. Some people think Tom's a pretty boy who's in the quarterback seat just to be there. But he's a competitor."

For three seasons, Tupa had to channel his competitiveness into a specialist's role. Mike Tomczak quarterbacked the Buckeyes in Tupa's freshman season, 1984, as did Jim Karsatos in 1985-86. So Tupa concentrated on being mostly a practice-field quarterback and game-day punter. He averaged 47 yards a punt as a freshman and led the nation with a net average of 44.1 yards. As a sophomore, he averaged 42.5 yards and as a junior 43.6 yards. One of his kicks covered 75 yards last year.

"I was lucky enough to punt. I got thrown in right away on that. Like Chris said, waiting around like that makes you impatient. But punting helped."

Spielman admits he couldn't have bided his time and waited his turn as Tupa has. Spielman made such a pest of himself on the sideline in his first college game that Coach Earle Bruce sent him in merely to get him out of his hair. But those who wait also serve.

"I knew I wasn't going to be able to assert myself as a quarterback right away," Tupa says. "I was lucky enough to punt. I got thrown in right away on that. Like Chris said, waiting around like that makes you impatient. But punting helped, and each season I've gotten to play a little more quarterback."

And now, Tupa is the man. It is his year and the job is his to lose. Ohio State returns seven offensive and eight defensive starters from a 10-3 team that shared the Big Ten title with Michigan and whipped Texas A&M 28-12 in the Cotton Bowl.

"Tupa's the heir apparent," Bruce says. "Among our quarterbacks, he's got the experience. He probably should have played more last year, but Karsatos sacrificed a lot to play at Ohio State."

So Tupa played only in spots. But he played well against Purdue and Wisconsin, and in the Cotton Bowl, Bruce looked ahead to 1987 by playing Tupa the entire second quarter. He drove the Buckeyes 48 yards from their own 13 to the A&M 39, hitting All-America split end Cris Carter on one 13-yard completion, and might have taken the Buckeyes in for a touchdown had not Jamie Holland, with daylight ahead, bobbled a pass that was intercepted. For the season, Tupa completed 27 of 41 passes for 375 yards and three touchdowns. He was intercepted once. He completed 65.9 percent compared to Karsatos' 53.8.

Tupa is 6-5 and 212 and, by winning the job over redshirt freshman Greg Frey, gives the Buckeye offense an option ability it did not have with the less mobile Karsatos.

Tupa believes he is ready to contribute.

"I think a lot of pressure was taken off last year," he says. "I got to play in several games, and coach put me in critical situations in some of them. At the end of the year, I started reading the defenses and picking up the blitzes a lot better. And I improved just knowing what plays to go to. I think my running can help me get out of some situations."

And when Tupa is *really* in trouble, he can throw the ball Carter's way.

Carter, the nation's premier wide receiver, goes into the season with touchdown catches in seven straight regular-season games. He averaged 16.4 yards on 65 receptions totaling 1,066 yards last season and caught 11 for touchdowns.

Carter was suspended from the team in the last part of spring drills but was later reinstated. Bruce refused to disclose the reason for the suspension.

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From his outside linebacker spot, Eric Kumerow gives quarterbacks fits, but he won't have Jim Harbaugh of Michigan to chase again.

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Carter is set apart not only by his leaping ability (he has a 35-inch vertical jump) but by his contortionist's moves and ability to add yards after the catch has been made.

"Basically, I want to polish up on last year," Carter says. "I probably dropped a few more passes than I should have. But it's kind of hard to keep focused the whole time. Sometimes you get a little bored."

Bored perhaps, but definitely not boring. The challenge for Buckeye fans is describing one of Carter's moves to somebody who didn't see it. Even Carter has trouble remembering what he did and how he did it. "It happens so quickly," he says. "A lot of times you wish you could remember what happened so you could try it again."

As a receiver, Carter has a Michael Jordan

flair. Nothing is too difficult to try, no ball impossible to catch. Does he have a particular favorite among his 164 catches, 27 for touchdowns?

"Maybe at Northwestern my sophomore year," Carter says. "It was kind of a busted play and Jim was scrambling. Jim said he just wound up and threw the ball."

The football traveled more than 50 yards, coming down, by Carter's recollection, two feet from the end zone. He was in the vicinity, closely defended.

"I could see I was already too shallow," he says. "So I just jumped up, and the other guy jumped up, and I came down with it in the end zone. But it wasn't a touchdown, because Bob Maggs was called for an illegal block."

Last season, Maggs was the big man on the offensive line, and replacing him at center

is one of Bruce's biggest challenges. In spring practice, 6-4, 248-pound guard Jeff Uhlenhake, a junior, was moved into the hole. Senior Jay Shaffer (6-7, 286) is at right tackle. Junior right guard Greg Zackeroff (6-5, 262) and sophomore left tackle Joe Staysniak (6-5, 274) are starters. Tight end Ed Taggart, who caught 12 passes for 109 yards and was important in the blocking scheme, also completed his eligibility. That spot could go to senior letterman Alex Higdon (6-5, 238) or highly recruited freshman Jeff Ellis (6-4, 225), son of former heavyweight boxing champion Jimmy Ellis.

Most of the remainder of the Buckeyes' receivers and runners return. The receivers, in addition to Carter, include senior split end Nate Harris and junior flanker Everett Ross. Harris' per-catch average of 16.3 yards on 24 recep-

tions was just a tenth lower than Carter's. Ross averaged a team-leading 20.4 yards on 14 receptions. Each caught two touchdown passes.

The runners are junior tailback Vince Workman, sophomore tailback Jim Bryant and senior fullback George Cooper.

Workman, who averaged five yards in 197 runs (985-yard total) and scored seven touchdowns, will get both a lift and competition from Bryant, who gave the Buckeyes early-season help as a freshman and then lost out as starter to Workman. Bryant averaged 4.7 yards in 139 runs, scoring three touchdowns. Cooper, who was used primarily as a blocker, scored six touchdowns and netted 412 yards in 100 runs.

"I see us as a pretty potent offense," Tupa says. "The team this year probably has the best athletes I've ever played with."

Says Spielman: "I think we'll be loaded. The key is Tupa coming in and taking care of the offense. I have all the confidence in the world in the guy."

Ohio State fans place the same trust in Spielman. In three seasons he has added 20 pounds and put himself among the elite at a school that traditionally turns out top linebackers.

Spielman finished last season with a flourish. He led the team with 194 total tackles, had a school-record 29 tackles in a 26-24 loss to Michigan and 11 tackles, two interceptions and a touchdown on an interception return in the Cotton Bowl game. He was the Kickoff Classic MVP in a 16-10 loss to Alabama and the defensive MVP of the Cotton Bowl. He finished 10th in the voting for the Heisman Trophy and was a finalist in the competition for the Lombardi and Butkus awards.

"I'm going to take a realistic view of it this season," Spielman says. "I don't think a defensive player has ever won the Heisman Trophy. Just the fact that I got a few votes and could look at the list and see my name in the top 10 and know that somebody thinks enough of my ability to vote for me—that's great."

But the Lombardi Trophy is another matter.

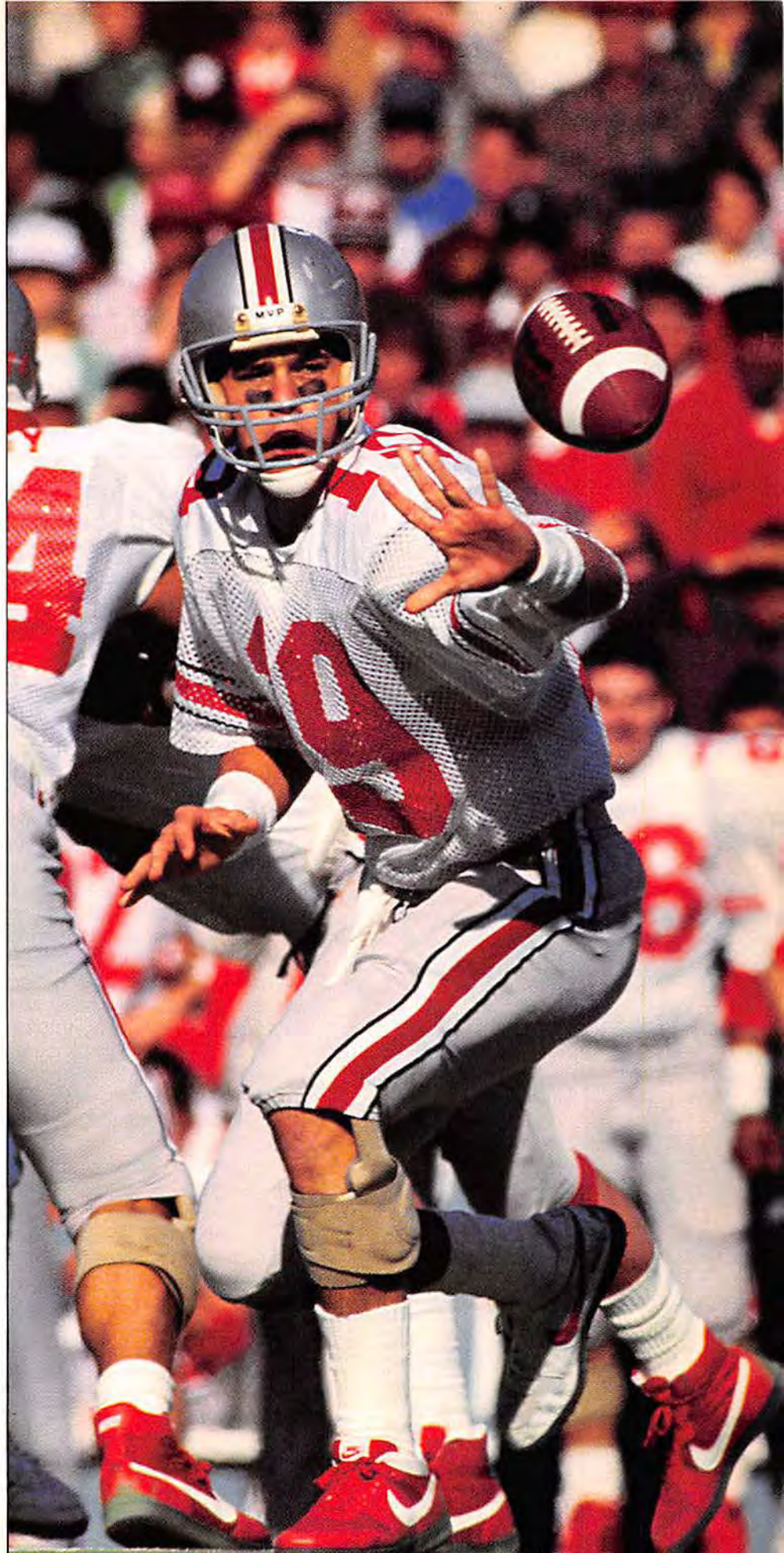
"I'd like to make another run at the Lombardi Trophy," he says. "That one means an awful lot to me. I'm a great admirer of Vince Lombardi. The trophy isn't one with a lot of stars on it. It isn't wooden. It isn't a plaque. It's a block of granite. That's a blue-collar trophy right there."

And Spielman is the epitome of a blue-collar player.

He grew up in Canton, Ohio, the son of a football coach-teacher. "It was in the downtown area, and there was not a lot of grass around," says Spielman, who made the national blue-chip list as a fullback-linebacker at Massillon Washington High School.

"The elementary school didn't have grass on the playground. If you played football, you put on a long-sleeved sweatshirt and jeans and went at each other. Tough people. Maybe that's how I got to be a good running back in

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Tom Tupa is something of a throwback to the single-wing triple threaters of bygone days.

Offensive tackle John "Jumbo" Elliott hasn't always been as tall as a goal post and as wide as a crossbar.

"I just started sprouting up in the 10th grade," says Elliott. "And even then, when I got tall, I wasn't big. Maybe I weighed 215. Finally, when I enrolled in college, I weighed 270."

At last estimate, Elliott stood 6-7 and weighed 306 pounds. Behind this runaway boulder and some mobile blocks of granite on either side of him, Michigan hopes to roll to another Big Ten title and go back to the Rose Bowl.

It is a goal that seems attainable. From a team that won nine in a row last season, before being upset by Minnesota and subdued by Arizona State in the Rose Bowl, Coach Bo Schembechler welcomes seven returning starters on defense and seven others on offense.

Without the jumbos, there'd be no Morris going for a third straight 1000-yard season, would there? "We'd like to think not," Elliott says.

Elliott is a veteran among veterans. After a redshirt year, he is into his fourth season as a starter, opening holes for running backs like Jamie Morris and shielding quarterbacks like Jim Harbaugh from the pass rush.

When Elliott gears up, opposing linemen and blitzing linebackers are prone to suffer the steamroller impact effect. Once, during practice this spring, defensive tackle Brent White, not exactly fragile himself at 6-5, 240, was pinched between Elliott and tight end Jeff Brown (6-4, 224). Crrrrrunch! "Brent's going to have to learn to play a little tougher in there when he doesn't have the angle," Schembechler said in an understatement.

Offensive linemen are the game's most anonymous performers, their good deeds known only to film graders, pro scouts and fans who can forget the flash and dash in the backfield to train binoculars on them. Of course, they say they do, but how many people understand that Morris, Michigan's dynamic little tailback, would not gain half as many yards without the jumbos upfront?

"I've got to say I enjoy playing on the line," Elliott says. And then, tongue somewhat in cheek, "If it wasn't for Jamie, we'd get no recognition. He gets all those yards and makes us look good."

Uh, just maybe it's the other way around. Without the jumbos, there'd be no Morris going for a third straight 1000-yard season, would there? "We'd like to think not," Elliott says. "We're going to try to get him another one."

Indeed, that's what Morris is setting out to do, and, at a school that has produced such All-America backs as Tom Harmon, Bob Chappuis and Rob Lytle, he would be the first to exceed 1000 yards in rushing (including bowl games) for three consecutive years.

As a sophomore, Morris had 874 yards in the regular season and 156 in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. His '86 tally was 1,039 regular-season yards and 47 in the Rose Bowl game. Included in the '86 totals was a 210-yard, two-touchdown effort in the 26-24 win over Ohio State that gave the Wolverines a share of the Big Ten title and sent them to the Rose Bowl.

At 5-7, 179 pounds, Morris comes from the same mold as his brother, Joe, who helped the New York Giants to the Super Bowl title last January. And he is just as innovative.

"He's a hard runner to be such a small guy," Elliott says, "and he's surprisingly strong. When he gets caught in a tight situation, he gets inventive and creates things on his own. I remember a play during a scrimmage this spring when the defense clogged it up. But Jamie saw room between me and the defensive man. He just scooted right through."

It might even be a little easier this season for Morris and for the quarterbacks who are being called upon to succeed Harbaugh: Chris Zurburg, Michael Taylor and Demetrius Brown.

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Senior John Vitale is a durable and dependable center to rally around.

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With the exception of guard Mike Hammerstein, the offensive front returns intact. Opposite Elliott is senior tackle Mike Husar (6-3, 280), who started all but three games until he was sidelined by a knee injury.

Senior Michael Dames (6-2, 258) started every game at quick guard last season, and senior John Vitale (6-1, 280) every game at center. Junior Jeff Brown (6-4, 224) is a returning regular at tight end. Backup Derrick Walker (6-1, 230) played in every game. Dave Chester, a 6-2, 255-pound senior, inherits Hammerstein's position. In spring drills, Schembechler experimented with highly touted sophomore defensive lineman Warde Manuel (6-5, 255) at guard and tackle.

Elliott was an All-America tackle (American Football Coaches Association) in 1986 and is expected to be a strong Outland Trophy candidate. But if he doesn't earn the award as the outstanding interior lineman, it won't mean he hasn't done his job.

"When you're playing on the line, the recognition comes from the coaches," he says. "The fans might be looking for Jamie or, like last year, for Jimmy Harbaugh. But when you're in meetings next day at the film session, it's definitely pointed out whether or not the offensive line has done a good job."

In the past few years, Schembechler has opened up the offense (last season, Harbaugh threw 254 times for 2,557 yards and 10 touchdowns) and Elliott likes the idea. "I enjoy doing both," he says of rush- and pass-blocking. "We're not as predictable as we once were, either. Once Bo has the people, he knows what to do with them."

At quarterback, Schembechler has three candidates: Zurbrugg, a fifth-year senior, and junior redshirts Taylor and Brown. Zurbrugg was the starting quarterback in the final six games of the 1984 season after Harbaugh broke his left arm against Michigan State.

"They're all different," Schembechler says. "Zurbrugg has been around the most. He throws the ball pretty well, runs a decent option, has command of the huddle and knows the offense."

"Taylor is the best option quarterback. He's a bright kid who learned the offense very quickly. He didn't come here with passing credentials because he played for a high school team (Cincinnati Princeton) that didn't throw. He's had to work hard on the passing game, and he's improved tremendously."

"Brown has the strongest and most accurate arm and the quickest release. He's also very quick, a shifty guy who can run the option and scramble."

The bottom line?

"You could line up with any one of the three and win," Schembechler says.

The quarterbacks have an array of pass targets. Tight end Brown had 18 receptions for 215 yards last season. Morris caught 29 for

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The only certainty about Coach Mike White is that he still is living and working in Champaign, Ill., which wasn't a certainty at all a year or two ago.

But White, one of the most innovative football coaches in the country, is too busy making wholesale changes in his Illinois program to pack a suitcase or mail a resume to San Francisco, Atlanta or Houston. Maybe next year. . .

For the time being, however, White has more pressing chores. He must:

- Introduce a new coaching staff to a roster of junior college transfers and redshirt freshmen.
- Rebuild confidence in a program that went from the Rose Bowl to 4-7 faster than you can say "where have all the quarterbacks gone?"

"We've come to depend on the quarterback so much that when we were unsettled, it influenced people at other positions. We want to be more of a team."

- Adapt to a new role: "I'm trying to be involved in all aspects, not strictly offense," White says.

- Find bodies to patch a lineup that, despite the return of 16 starters, was only half-filled after spring drills. "We have as many question marks going into 1987 as we've ever had," White says.

- Continue to emphasize defense. White singles out strong safety Bobby Dawson and defensive end Scott Davis (6-7, 268) as preseason All-America candidates. He never mentioned a quarterback or wide receiver.

- Improve a punting-kicking game which frequently allowed opponents to gain possession at their 40.

- De-emphasize the quarterback role. "We're trying to get more balance," White says. "We don't want the tremendous pressure the quarterback inherited at Illinois because of Dave Wilson, Tony Eason and Jack Trudeau.

"We've come to depend on the quarterback so much that when we were unsettled, it influenced people at other positions. We want to be more of a team. I hope the day has passed when we have to throw 50 passes in a game."

Defense and running? At Illinois? With Mike White coaching? Have Dick Butkus and Red Grange regained their eligibility?

But White played the same tune last year.

"Last year, we got blasted by Nebraska (59-14) in our third game, and from then on we never got off the ropes, never regained our confidence," he says. "We needed strength on defense, but we never were as good as we thought we could be. We held Ohio State to 14 points and lost 14-0. It was that kind of a year. We never got any breaks."

How luckless were the Illini on defense? Their turnover margin was minus 11, compared to Big Ten leader Ohio State's plus 23. "Only 21 times did we take the ball away on defense," White says. "We gave it away 32 times."

"Last year, we felt we could beat most teams, but it wasn't meant to be," Dawson says. "We were better than our record. But we were so inconsistent. For example, we played well against Michigan in the first quarter, then had a punt blocked that changed the course of the game. The roof fell in."

White is looking to Dawson, Davis, senior inside linebacker Sam Ellsworth (6-2, 239), defensive coordinator Howard Tippet and possibly senior SMU transfer Gabe De La Garza (6-2, 228), joining the team in the fall, to provide leadership that was woefully lacking in 1986.

In a startling, sweeping move, White dismissed his former assistants and hired a new staff, including Tippet, Dwain Painter (offensive coordinator), Bobby Wallace (secondary), Tim Harkness (receivers) and Ron Hudson, who was Gerry Faust's offensive coordinator at Notre Dame.

"I felt it was time to make changes, to bring in new blood, guys who could challenge me with new concepts," White says. "It was a reflection on me, not on the performance of the previous staff. If I didn't make changes, we'd risk leveling off as

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Linebacker Sam Ellsworth (34) goes airborne to lead an opponent to earth.

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we had for the last couple of years. We were too complacent."

The new staff didn't have to be introduced. White has known Tippet and Painter for years. Tippet, who coached at UCLA, Oregon and Houston, had been defensive assistant for the Tampa Bay Buccaneers the last six years. When White was at California, he tried to hire Painter, who once served under Fred Akers at Texas and Bill Curry at Georgia Tech.

The others have solid credentials, too. Wallace played for Tippet and recruited Bo Jackson while serving under Pat Dye at Auburn. Harkness assisted at Alabama and Georgia Tech. Hudson has worked with Tippet and Painter.

"In college football, the head coach has to spread responsibility," White says. "He has to have time to spend in many areas that the college game demands: academics, drugs, agents, as well as on-the-field responsibilities.

"We lacked leadership last year, especially from the seniors. Only two of our players were selected in the NFL draft, in the eighth and 10th rounds. That's not up to past standards. But I think it's a reflection of the problems we had.

"We hope this senior class is hungry. Their leadership is something I feel good about. Last year, we had a lot of turmoil going into the season, a lot of questions off the field, disci-

plines that had to be installed. Complacency and carelessness had crept into the program. I think we solved our problems off the field but we never regained confidence on it."

So what about 1987? What are the positives? Can Illinois crack the first division and earn a bowl invitation?

Big pluses are the defensive line, secondary and a stable of talented running backs. That's

Keith Jones: best rusher with a four-yard average.



right, running backs. "We have more quality and depth in our backfield than ever before," White says.

Junior Keith Jones heads a corps of six ball carriers. But he got plenty of competition from junior Lynn McClellan in the spring.

Other running backs who will see duty are senior Jeff Markland, junior Greg Turner and junior college transfer Victor Bowlay-Williams. Markland, a one-time linebacker, was the source of some off-the-field discipline problems. But he vowed to mend his ways and could be a big boost.

At quarterback, sophomore Brian Menkhause ended the spring a stride or two ahead of junior college transfer Scott Mohr. But Mohr is closing fast, and nobody will be surprised if he starts the opener at North Carolina.

But whom will Menkhause or Mohr throw to? Split end Darryl Usher had an excellent spring and White hopes he will emerge. Other wide receiver candidates are senior James Gordon, juniors Stan Fit and Steven Williams, and junior college whiz Mike Bellamy.

The tight end slot isn't so complicated. Senior Anthony Williams (6-2, 247) has all-conference potential.

The offensive line appears set with senior tackles Arael Doolittle (6-4, 300) and Tom Schertz (6-5, 265), junior guards Mark McGowan (6-4, 267) and Mike Scully (6-5, 267) and senior center Dave Harbour (6-4, 251).

Harbour is a former walk-on who earned a scholarship and last year graded out as Illinois' most effective offensive lineman. White predicts he could earn All-Big Ten or even All-America recognition as a senior.

"As we go into the fall," White says, "our major concern is solidifying the wide receiver positions, determining what the talents of our players allow us to do and how much we should emphasize our passing game. We're a long way from making those decisions."

On defense, there are six solid positions: strong safety Dawson, linebacker Ellsworth, end Davis, seniors Keith Taylor at left cornerback and Mike Piel (6-4, 256) at right end, and redshirt freshman Morris Gardner (6-3, 244) at nose tackle.

The two most impressive performers in the spring were Dawson and Gardner. That's not counting former Illini great Dick Butkus, who showed up for the annual spring game and gave the youngsters a lesson in hitting.

Gardner is another reason Dawson is so high on the Illini defense.

"Gardner was impressive," Dawson says. "He makes big plays. He works so hard and he's so young.

"The boys upfront (Davis, Gardner, Piel) will set the tone. We're stressing 11 people to the ball on every play. If you do that, it's demoralizing to opponents. We want them thinking about our defense. Last year, only certain people were intense at all times."

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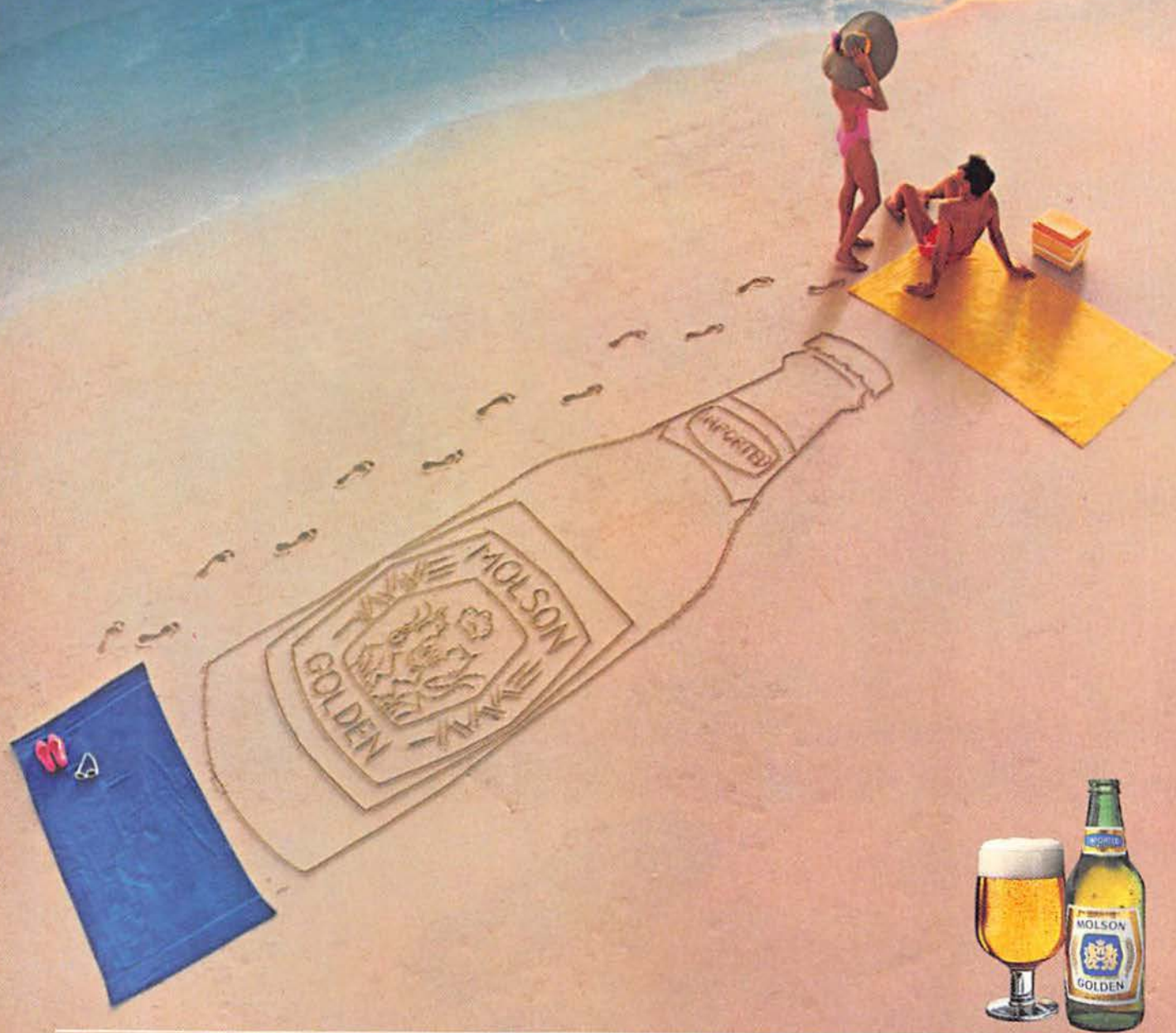
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'Bama Hires an Outsider And Reaction Is Mixed

by Dave Kindred

The good folks of Alabama have been maligned by suggestions that they wanted to set fire to Tuscaloosa to protest the hiring of a football coach whose pedigree includes mention of Georgia Tech. Those who gnash their gums over that unspeakable gnarl in Bill Curry's family tree also want us to know that Curry's coaching record is no threat to Amos Alonzo Stagg's numbers, let alone those of the man in the hat.

In the brass and oak palace that is the Alabama football building there hangs a painting done in the manner of Michelangelo's Sistine chapel work, which is to say done grandly as if its subjects were divine.

Bear Bryant's face in the painting is not presented in its fullness. The man is turned in profile. What we see, more than anything, are the blue and gray checks of the man's houndstooth hat. So mighty is Alabama's self-estimate that it represents its football program with a symbol of a symbol. The hat and the man equal Alabama.

Now comes to this holy place a coach of integrity,

who lifted a sickly football program to big-time respectability. Bill Curry moved Georgia Tech from the abyss to the Top 20. There is Lombardi and Dodd in this man, who once thought he could quit football only to find the game and its young people irresistible.

Universities owe their athletes much. The athletes produce millions of dollars in direct and indirect revenues. In exchange, they are said to be given an education. This is cheap labor with the suggestion of slave labor. The least any university ought to do for its athletes is change their lives. That, the man in the hat did. That, Bill Curry does. Alabama President Joab Thomas should be applauded for hiring Curry.

In point of fact, the president said two months after the deed, Alabamians were applauding. "The death threats received a lot of publicity, and it is true they were made," Thomas said, "just as it is true I have said my job is at risk if Bill Curry doesn't win and win by Alabama standards."

"What has been overlooked is the overwhelm-



The new order at Alabama: football Coach Bill Curry and Athletic Director Steve Sloan, who lost no time restoring Bear Bryant's famous practice-field observation tower.

ingly positive response Bill and I received all over the state. Thousands of people have turned out at alumni functions and said they welcome Bill and wish him well."

Curry shrugs away the reported death threats. "I told Dr. Thomas it reminded me of something an old friend in pro football, Dick LeBeau, used to say. He'd say, 'Bill, when the going gets toughest . . . that's about where you and I like it.'"

"The response to me has been incredible, really," Curry says, sitting in his office by a trophy case filled with hefty, red-jeweled rings Bryant ordered for his national championship teams. "Two days after I was hired—after the death threats and all—I walked out of my hotel and across the parking lot, which these

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fellows were paving. Fellows in flannel shirts. Levi Garrett caps. Levi jeans.

"One of them spotted me and I said, 'Here we go.' He started walking toward me. I said, 'Good morning.' He grabbed me by the arm. And he said, 'Don't you worry about all that crap. We're all behind you, and we're pulling for you all the way.' Then he introduced me to all the guys on the crew.

"It's been that way everywhere from Huntsville to Birmingham to Mobile. People express their love for Alabama football. I tell them I don't expect them to accept me just because I'm here. I want to earn my way into the family on my achievements. They're pulling for me. It's been exhilarating."

Yet a certain element has suggested that Thomas and the Alabama selection committee did the devil's own work of dismantling everything Bryant ever built. Tuscaloosa police reported death threats against Curry and Thomas. Great former 'Bama players such as Lee Roy Jordan and Billy Neighbors were distressed because Thomas hired a coach from outside the "family." A Birmingham newspaper carried a headline that framed the argument: "Curry Mr. Clean, But Can He Coach?"

So intense was the reaction to Curry's hiring that Thomas has tied his future to Alabama's football record by saying his presidency may be on the line should Curry fail.

"If Curry should have a few years of bad records—and I don't expect that—and should the reaction be as negative as many say it will be, I wouldn't want to stay, anyway," Thomas says. "I wouldn't want to spend my time in office dealing with that kind of thing. My interest is in building a strong university, a major research university, and I want to devote my major energies to that."

Make no mistake about one thing: Bill Curry was hired by Alabama to win football games.

"This man can win," Thomas says. "If I didn't think so, I wouldn't have hired him. I hate to lose. I'm a terrible loser. And Bill Curry hates losing just as much as I do."

"My goals," Curry says, "are simple and clear. I want every player to graduate. And I want to win Southeastern Conference championships, major bowls and national championships. It has been my driving ambition to be part of that kind of program."

In seven seasons at Georgia Tech, Curry's best year was 1985, when his team went 9-2-1 and won the All-American Bowl at Birmingham by defeating Michigan State. He had three winning seasons at Tech with an overall record of 31-43-4.

Though Curry has a distinguished football record—he played for Bobby Dodd at Tech and for Vince Lombardi and Don Shula in the pros as a member of three NFL champions; he coached with Bart Starr at Green Bay—it often was forgotten as he drew more attention by speaking out against what he saw as corruption in college athletics.

"We'll bring the cheaters to their knees," he said at a Tech booster club meeting in the winter of 1984. He accused unnamed opponents of using steroids and recruiting illegally. Subsequently, Clemson staggered through a steroids scandal, and Georgia's basketball and football programs were placed on NCAA probation.

Curry said: "I'm not saying something like that couldn't happen at Tech. We're human, too. But we do everything in our power to make sure it doesn't happen. We're here to win, but to win honestly." Ray Perkins' return to the National Football League produced a run of big-name prospects at the Alabama

job, including Bobby Bowden and Howard Schnellenberger. To read Curry's name on the list was to think 'Bama made only a polite nod to the virtues preached by this man who once studied for the ministry. When Alabama called to invite him for an interview, Curry's son, Billy, 16, said, "Football factory" is what I thought. I said, 'Dad, get ready to be at Tech again next year.'"

Hearing his son say that, Curry only raised an eyebrow. He was happy at Georgia Tech, but this was Alabama on the phone.

You don't hang up on a dream. Says Carolyn Curry, the coach's wife: "Bill has always had causes, things he believed in and spoke up for. He loved Georgia Tech more than he could say. But Alabama, well, he sees Alabama as a wider platform where he can make a greater impact on the game he loves."

When Alabama's on the phone, you listen. And you may learn something. Bill Curry came to know what his son also would learn: Alabama is a football factory only by outdated (to say nothing of undeserved) reputation.

Curry said in January: "Of 25 seniors on this (1986) Alabama team, 19 are to graduate this summer, and the other six have an opportunity to graduate if they work hard. They're doing remarkable academic work at Alabama."

This was only confirmation of Curry's experience in his days as a college and pro center. "Alabama was always a program I admired. The teams, the style, the toughness, the class. Most of their players graduated. I noticed those things. They didn't go on probation yet kept winning. Look at the student-athletes from Alabama: Bart Starr, Lee Roy Jordan, Billy Neighbors, Billy Richardson, Sylvester Croom, Ray Perkins, Steve Sloan, Ozzie Newsome. In and out of football. Physicians and lawyers. Guys who are incredibly successful. Every Alabama person I associated with was a quality person. Those of us who played the game never had the notion of Alabama as anything but a class academic institution and a great football team."

The day of Curry's hiring, a newspaperman asked Thomas about the idea that Alabama ever was a "football factory." The president said: "Five years ago, many people called Alabama a football factory. There aren't many doing that now." The president's face had the contented smile of a man who has done hard work well.

Corruption moves in lockstep with college athletics. To win football games, universities have prostituted their educational missions. "In the past two years, there has been public outrage because of indiscretions in athletics," Thomas says. "We have been accused of losing our amateur standing."

So with the departure of Perkins, Thomas says he set out to hire a coach of unquestioned integrity, who was committed to academics and who could win. The president says he applied the same guidelines when hiring Perkins four years earlier. Only then he didn't say so publicly.

"But now it was extremely important to make that statement," Thomas says. Hiring Curry gave undeniable weight to Thomas' sincerity, for this was Alabama, not Podunk U., hiring a coach with a losing record.

"There is a growing constituency of concerned people who will applaud this kind of appointment," Thomas says. "And two years from now, when we win a national championship, a lot more people will be applauding the kind of statement we made by hiring Bill Curry."

A man wondered if Curry's hiring was analogous to Notre Dame's hiring of Gerry Faust from a Cincinnati high school. Did Alabama give greater weight to Curry's decency, as Notre Dame did to Faust's, than to his coaching record?

"I really don't see that," Thomas says. "If anything, I see a closer parallel to Notre Dame's hiring of Ara Parseghian. He came from a private school, Northwestern, which was never much more than in the middle of its conference football standings. Like Curry at Georgia Tech, Parseghian was a man whose overall record at Northwestern wasn't so good, but he had done well by Northwestern standards, as Curry did at Georgia Tech once he got the program back on its feet."

As chancellor at North Carolina State, Thomas came to respect Curry's work in the Atlantic Coast Conference. At Alabama, he sees nothing to change his mind. "There's a toughness to Bill Curry that people are missing," Thomas says. "The last time Alabama played Tech, during Ray Perkins' second year (1984), Georgia Tech literally beat us. They whipped us physically."

"At halftime, I went up to speak to Joe Pettit (the late Tech president). I waved a white handkerchief as I walked into his box. Someone there told me that Curry had had a scrimmage on Tuesday of that week, and some things had not gone very well. Curry continued that scrimmage at 5 o'clock Wednesday morning. They had a good scrimmage that day."

"Another indication of Curry's toughness was the bowl game in 1985 at Birmingham. Two of his best players missed curfew. He dropped them from the game. He told them he was going to do it, and he did it—and won the game anyway. That's something Coach Bryant would have done. These are the characteristics that build winners. These are Bryant characteristics."

Thomas, then, sees Curry as a winning football coach who also "has a strong commitment to building his players into winners off the field as well as on the field. A very strong commitment."

Curry acknowledges the high stakes at risk. "I am aware this was an extraordinary hire by Alabama. Sure, I know the stakes. It's the way the American dream works. There's the low-risk, low-reward investment. Or you can go try to play for the Green Bay Packers in 1965 (as Curry did, launching a 10-year pro career), which was a high-risk, high-reward situation. Going to work at Georgia Tech in 1980 was a high-risk, high-reward situation. Being the coach at Alabama is high-risk, high-reward."

"The downside is obvious, just like the downside in all the other situations. You do have to consider that. That's not being negative; that's just being realistic. The downside is that they go out and get another coach if you don't get the job done."

Curry knows that integrity and honesty in doing his lifework will not keep him on the job forever if the Tide goes 4-7.

"I have no notion of that and I wouldn't want that," he says.

Curry's ambition is to win more of those national championship rings.

"My goal is to graduate young people and get rings. That's always been my ambition. It's never been any different. Wherever I may be, it would be the same. Whatever the fans expect or the alumni or the former players expect, I expect the same. I can't help it. I was brought on the Earth that way. You gotta win."

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Ah, Those Saturday Afternoons

by Joe Falls

My favorite assignment? Easy. A college football game on a Saturday afternoon.

Not night, afternoon.

It can be Michigan against Notre Dame or Saginaw Valley against Ferris State. It doesn't matter. The moments are golden.

I've been to Moscow, Munich and Mexico City and a lot of places in between in my 42-year career as a sportswriter. I have been privileged to see some of the greatest athletes of all time and some of the greatest events in history: Don Larsen's perfect game, the U.S. Olympic team beating Russia in hockey, Joe Namath upsetting the Baltimore Colts in Super Bowl III, Notre Dame stopping UCLA's 88-game winning streak in basketball, Secretariat by 31 lengths in the Belmont, Mark Spitz's seven Gold Medals in swimming, Larry Mize chipping in from 140 feet at the Masters and Ali over Frazier.

But nothing ever quite matches getting up on a crisp Saturday morning in the autumn and driving to places like Ann Arbor, East Lansing, South Bend or Albion for a college football game. My wife goes with me and she doesn't understand anything about football. She does understand the smoky haze of autumn and a slug of cold apple cider and a cinnamon doughnut and the sound and sight of the bands.

If you have a few moments, I'd like to tell you some things about my favorite assignment: college football.

The absolute best line from a coach's wife came from the mouth of Dick Nolan's wife during a bus ride in London, England.

She was asked what kind of coach her husband was when he was a coach.

She replied: "He was so quiet the players used to call him Mute Rockne."

Oops: The first two times I ever wrote about Ara Parseghian in his first year as coach of Northwestern, my desk changed it to "Art Parseghian."

My three favorite college coaches, excluding Bo Schembechler because I hate to be considered provincial even though I am provincial:

1. John McKay.
2. Barry Switzer.
3. George Welsh.

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2. *The Longest Yard* starring Burt Reynolds and Eddie Albert.

3. *Knute Rockne, All American* starring Pat O'Brien and Ronald Reagan.

4. *Wildcats* starring Goldie Hawn, who is so cute in her sweatshirt and slacks that let's put her third on the list and drop Knute Rockne and The Gipper down to fourth.

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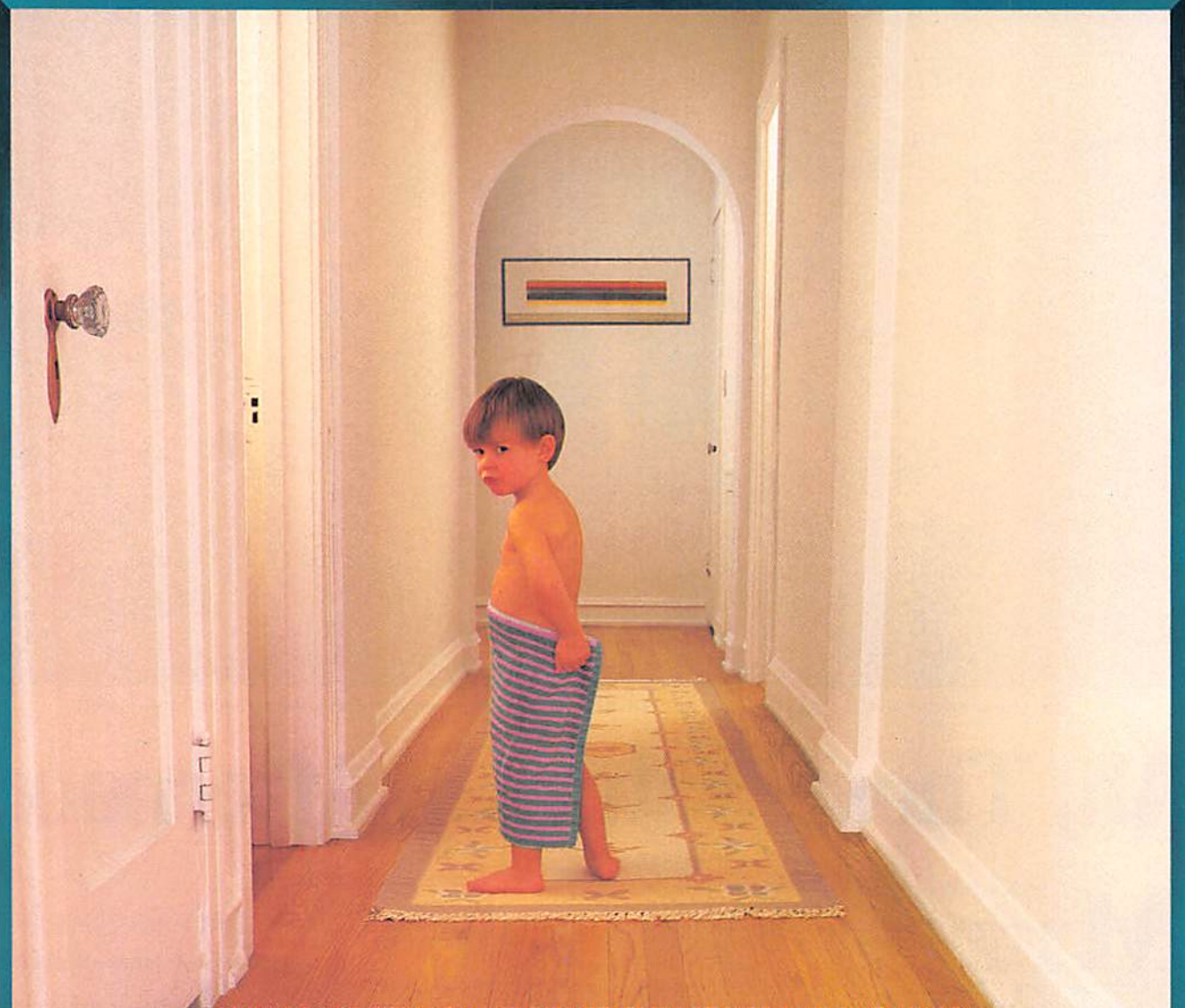
The score of the Army-Penn State game at West Point, N.Y., in 1949 was: Army 42, Penn State 7.

This is in case somebody calls you up in the middle of the night and says: "Hey, what was the score of the Army-Penn State game at West Point, N.Y., in 1949?"

This happened: Phil Dickens, when he was the head coach at Indiana, stood up before the Big Ten Skywriters and said: "We're putting stripes on our

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Michigan's Morris: A Little Giant, Too

by Dick Fenlon

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The postmaster has four of them.

The oldest is Joe, the All-Pro running back who helped the New York Giants to a 39-20 victory over the Denver Broncos in Super Bowl XXI in the Rose Bowl.

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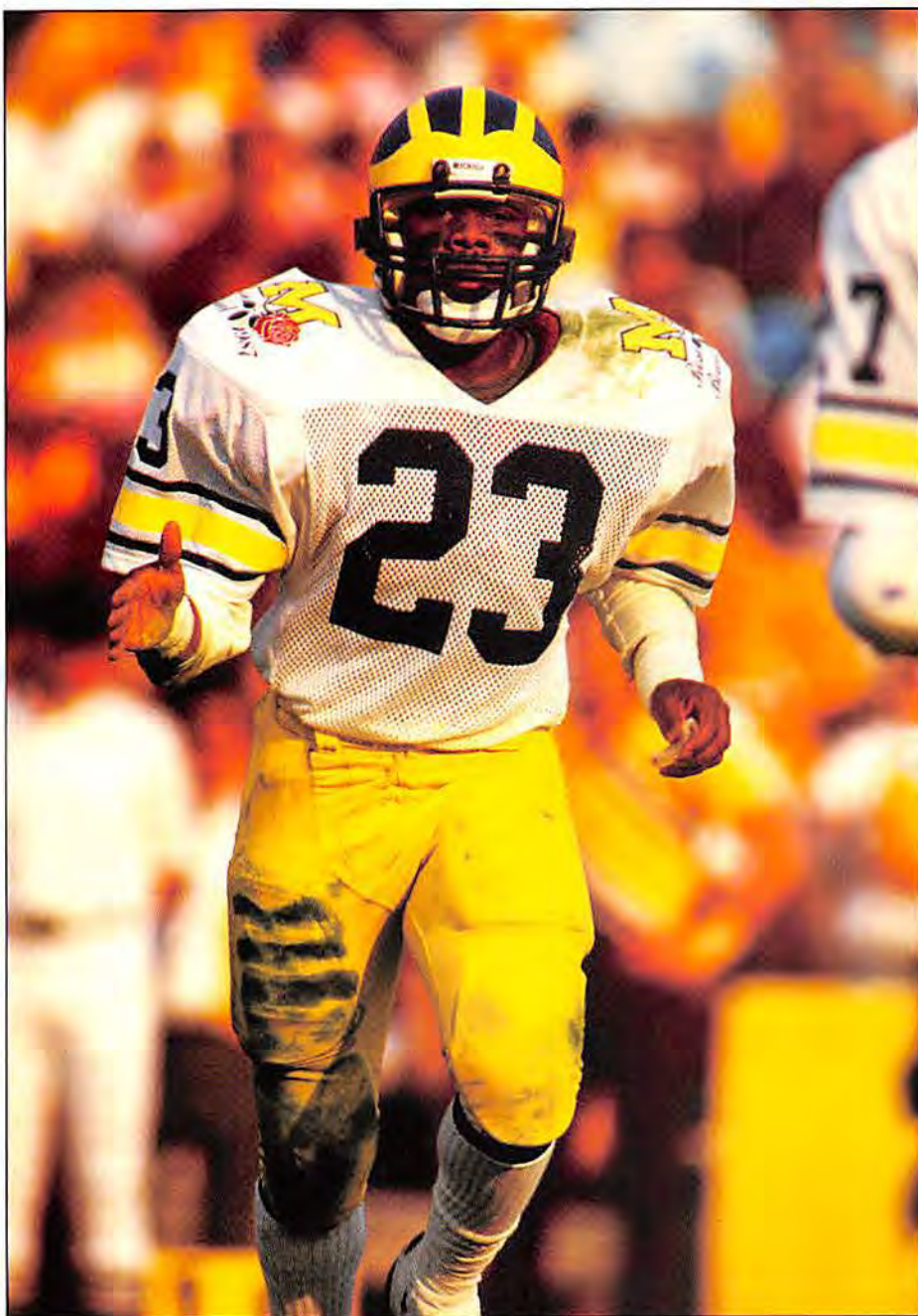
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If you had mentioned his name a year ago, your listeners would have chorused, "Rick Who?" At that time Bayless was one of three virtually untried players hoping to fill the shoes of Ronnie Harmon, the All-America back of 1985 who was drafted by the Buffalo Bills.

In these days of specialists, about the last place recruiters look for great running backs is the chilly playing fields of Minnesota. So imagine the surprise of almost everyone in the Big Ten last year when the top two rushers in the conference turned out to be former Minnesota high school stars.

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No. 1 was Darrell Thompson, Minnesota's raw recruit from Rochester, Minn., who led the Big Ten with 112.7 yards a game.

No. 2 was Bayless, a 6-foot, 200-pound junior from Hugo, Minn., a suburb of St. Paul located near Egg Lake. He was second (25th nationally) with 94.6 yards per game, and he had the distinction of leading the Hawkeyes in both rushing and pass receiving.

The Associated Press placed both players on the All-Big Ten team. Bayless became only the third Hawkeye in history to pass the 1000-yard rushing mark. He gained 1,040 yards in 197 carries for nine touchdowns and a 5.3-yard average. He caught 30 passes for 209 yards and one TD. Bayless made five tackles while playing on special teams.

He scored two touchdowns each in four games, and his longest scoring run was an 87-yard scamper in his first start, against Northern Illinois. It was the fourth-longest scoring run in school history.

Small wonder the Hawkeyes voted No. 13 their Most Valuable Player.

"Rick really was valuable in several ways," says Coach Hayden Fry. "He was an unknown when he came to us, but when he became a star, he was so good at almost everything we couldn't afford to take him off the special teams. I think if I had taken him off the special teams, he would have been angry.

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"He is blond-headed, curly-haired and blue-eyed and has a high-pitched, squeaky voice. He doesn't regard himself as a star. But I tell people to watch the down blocks (first-down markers), because when he's on the field, the down blocks move. When we're on offense, ol' Coach Fry says, 'Give it to No. 13 because he gets the job done.' "

Bayless was recruited by practically nobody after finishing his high school career.

Wally Hilgenberg, former Iowa star who had a long career as a linebacker for the Minnesota Vikings, worked with Bayless' mother in Minneapolis. Hilgenberg relayed the proud mother's story about her talented son to the Iowa staff. At the time, Minnesota was making the coaching transition from Joe Salem to Lou Holtz.

Bayless gave up on getting a scholarship and walked on at Iowa in 1983. He played on the demonstration team that season and was so obscure his name was erroneously listed as William Bayless in Iowa's 1984 football brochure. The first time he attracted much attention was in Iowa's final regular-season game of 1984. The Hawkeyes, playing at Hawaii, were desperate for running backs. Harmon was out with a broken leg. Owen Gill, now of the Indianapolis Colts, went to the bench with a recurring leg injury.

Enter Rick Bayless. He played the last three quarters, gaining 96 yards in 16 carries and caught two passes for 42 yards. He did it with his unusual running style.

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He bends over and peers around his blockers for holes he can scoot through, a hunt-and-peck system.

That's what earned him his nickname of Backyard Bayless—he reminded one sports-writer of a man running under a clothesline in the dark.

After that Hawaii game, Bayless was asked if he had always run with that crouching style.

"I don't know how I look when I run," Bayless replied with charming naivete. "You see, I played only five games my senior year in high school because of a teachers' strike. My school was so small we couldn't afford to take movies of our games, so I haven't ever seen myself play."

Dave Croston, Iowa's 285-pound offensive tackle who made All-America last season, says this about Bayless: "What's nice about him is that we all may block for a certain play, and the hole may not be where it's supposed to be, but he'll find a way to break through and get yards out of it. That's what he does best. He may be a surprise to the fans but he's not to the other players."

Fry lost 11 of 24 starters from a 9-3 team that tied Minnesota for third in the Big Ten and was rated 16th nationally by the Associated Press after clipping San Diego State 39-38 on a last-second field goal in the Holiday Bowl.

The Big Ten used to be regarded as the "Big Two and the Little Eight." It should be noted, however, that Iowa is the only other school besides Michigan and Ohio State to win more than one conference football championship since 1966. Iowa has finished in the first division in each of Fry's eight seasons, tied for the title in 1981 and won it outright in 1985.

Bayless will be one of Iowa's 13 returning starters from '86. Fry also is counting on 22 of the 24 second-stringers.

The fight for the No. 1 quarterback job should continue until the Hawkeyes open the season against Tennessee in the Kickoff Classic at New Jersey's Meadowlands—maybe longer.

Gone is Mark Vlasic, the nation's No. 5 man in pass efficiency last season despite missing three full games and parts of several others because of a shoulder separation.

His three substitutes battled in spring practice for the right to replace him. Sophomore Tom Poholsky has the most experience.

Senior Chuck Hartlieb has the most speed. He was prevented from showing his passing skill most of last season because of a dislocated finger on his right hand.

Sophomore Dan "Big Red" McGwire (6-8, 218) has the most potential, Fry says, but the Californian played only briefly last year and still has lots to learn.

Fry says he has never seen a quarterback with an arm as strong as McGwire's. "I guarantee you he can take one step and throw the ball 100 yards," Fry said at a Kickoff Classic press conference in February.

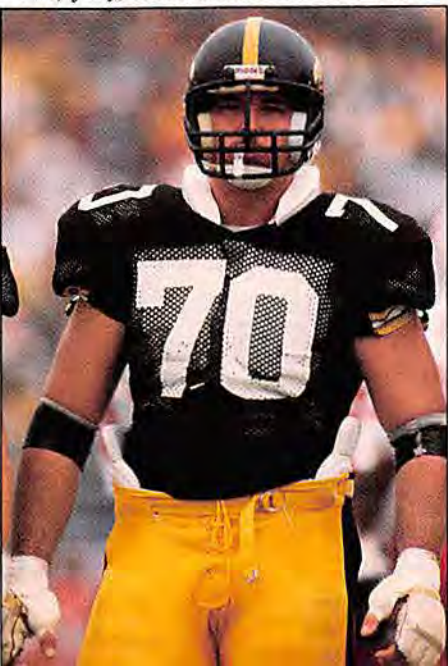


NG Dave Haight (64) and CB Keaton Smiley (44) execute football's version of the squeeze play.

Whoever wins the quarterback job will have an abundance of good targets. Iowa lost only one of the 19 receivers who made catches last season.

The only departing senior in this department was Robert Smith, who shared the starting wingback spot with Quinn Early after the latter recovered from a shoulder separation that kept him out of the first six games.

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Besides Bayless, Iowa has potential all-stars in guard Bob Kratch (6-4, 270), tight end Mike Flagg (6-6, 244) and kicker Rob Houghtlin. All are seniors. Kratch was on the All-Big Ten team in '86.

Houghtlin will carry a two-game streak of cliff-hangers into the Tennessee opener. He made clutch field goals in the final seconds to beat Minnesota and San Diego State.

Flagg is one of the many good receivers returning. Among them are tight end reserves Marv Cook (6-4, 232) and Craig Clark (6-3, 228), both seniors. Cook did most of the kicking off last year.

Other offensive positions:

Split end—Senior Jim Mauro and junior Marc Mazzeri are returning as one-two.

Wingbacks—With the loss of Smith, Early, a senior, could be one of the nation's top receivers this year. In only six '86 games he caught 22 passes for 490 yards and two touchdowns.

Tackles—Gone is Croston, but his top replacement, sophomore Mike Miller (6-5, 250), will be a factor. On the right side, seniors Herb Wester (6-8, 285), whom Fry calls Baby Herbie, and Dave Alexander (6-3, 265) are back.

Guards—Iowa is wiped out at left guard, but both right guards, Kratch and senior Greg Divis (6-3, 255), return.

Center—Junior Bill Anderson (6-3, 240) will

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Fred Strickland didn't know anything about Fred Akers when he was named to succeed Leon Burtnett as Purdue's football coach in December.

Strickland, a 6-2, 226-pound senior linebacker, didn't know that Akers built a winning program at Wyoming, then won 73.1 percent of his games at Texas, emerging as the most successful coach in the Southwest Conference.

All Strickland knew was that Akers had a reputation as a run-oriented coach, something freshman quarterback Jeff George feared worse than measles.

"George wanted to pass, Akers wanted to run," Strickland says. "I knew it wouldn't work out. But it had no effect on me."

George, rated the No. 1 high school player in the nation in 1985, resisted Akers' attempts to mend their differences.

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He transferred to Miami, Fla., and left Akers to wonder if Purdue alumni, accustomed to quarterbacks like Dale Samuels, Len Dawson, Bob Griese, Mike Phipps, Gary Danielson, Mark Herrmann, Scott Campbell and Jim Everett, can adjust to fifth-year senior Doug Downing, a one-back offense and perhaps the Big Ten's most aggressive defense.

"This is the biggest rebuilding job I've had," admits Akers, who guided Texas to an 86-31-2 record and nine bowl games in 10 years.

"I wish we had another 10 or 15 practices in the spring. We're not there yet. We have some players who must play at their best all the time. We need more hard-nosed players. And my biggest concern is how much we can stand injuries."

After getting a close look at Akers during spring drills, Strickland thinks Purdue will surprise people who figure the Boilermakers will be pressed to improve on last year's 3-8 record.

"Being picked to finish in the second division will give us an edge," says Strickland. "Our attacking defense is new to the conference. No one else plays it. It'll take opponents time to adjust."

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There were some bright spots in spring practice, particularly the play of senior tight end Brad Schumacher (6-7, 250), defensive end Scott Conover (6-4, 235), a redshirt freshman, and senior strong safety Ronnie Beeks, but Akers couldn't hide his concern over the lack of depth in the offensive line and lack of speed in the secondary.

"I saw some young defensive linemen who may not be ready now but showed a lot of improvement," Akers says. "They could improve to the point where they could play with anyone. They'll get a chance to get thrown at some football players right off the bat."

While the offense matures, Akers hopes Strickland, Visco and the defense will keep Purdue in early games against Washington and Notre Dame, and that prospects like Conover and sophomore tackles Ken Kushner (6-5, 285) and Bill Hitchcock (6-6, 268) will continue to develop.

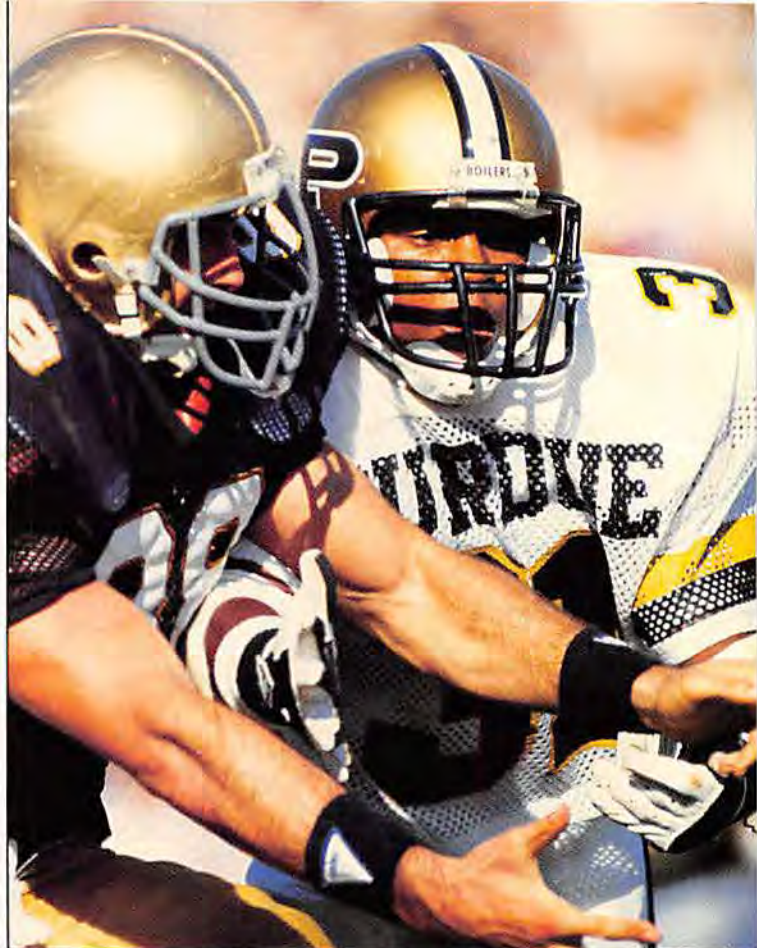
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On defense, where seven starters return, Conover and Visco will cover the flanks with freshman Donzel Leggett (6-5, 222) backing up. Seniors Bill Gildea (6-1, 260) and Chris Keevers (6-2, 262) will start at tackle, pushed by Hitchcock and Kushner.

The linebackers are solid with Williams on the strong side, Strickland in the middle and senior Art DuBose (6-1, 207) and junior Keith Norman (6-2, 230) fighting for the starting spot on the weak side. DuBose has more speed, Norman more size.

The secondary, which will miss All-American Rod Woodson, includes Dishman and Kelson at the corners with sophomore Brad Davis in reserve, and Beeks and junior Marc Foster at free safety.

Akers' attacking defense is designed to give more flexibility to the linebackers, permitting them to shore up the front and blitz as many tacklers as possible rather than contain.

"But you must be able to run to do it, to play man-to-man on pass defense," Akers says. "It's a proven defense—if you have good people. You must be quick and have courage. It takes both quickness and courage to line up

on the excellent wide receivers in the Big Ten.

"We need more speed. It must come from the incoming freshmen; speed was evident among all of the defensive backs we recruited. As it is, we won't be able to start the season playing man-to-man defense in the secondary."

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"We've got a lot of work to do in the offensive line," Akers says. "We made changes, we saw improvement and we liked what we saw. But we're awfully thin."

That's why Akers chose not to schedule a spring game, the traditional closing scrimmage conducted by most colleges. "We didn't feel we had the manpower for it," he says.

At quarterback, Downing emerged as the starter going into fall workouts. He was most consistent in the spring, but Akers will resume

the competition in August, giving senior Jeff Huber and sophomore Shawn McCarthy a chance. McCarthy also will handle the punting duties. He averaged 38.9 yards per kick last season.

"Going into the fall, someone will have to take the job away from Downing," Akers says.

Downing, a hometown product, came to Purdue with great credentials, a likely candidate to continue the tradition of great Boilermaker quarterbacks.

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Downing will throw to Schumacher, senior wide receiver Anthony Hardy and sophomore flanker Calvin Williams. Junior Lance Scheib and redshirt freshman Kelly Turner are backups. Hardy, a transfer from Wichita State, is a big-play threat. He will be Purdue's No. 1 punt returner.

In Akers' one-back offense, one of the running backs also will be a pass receiver on most downs. The primary ball carrier will be senior James Medlock. But Darren Myles, a transfer from Ellsworth (Iowa) Junior College, also will carry. Backups are junior Scott Nelson and senior Jerry Chaney, who was third in the

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Last fall, Medlock was Purdue's leading rusher with 475 yards in 137 carries. He also caught 15 passes for 112 yards. Obviously, Akers hopes to get more production out of him this fall.

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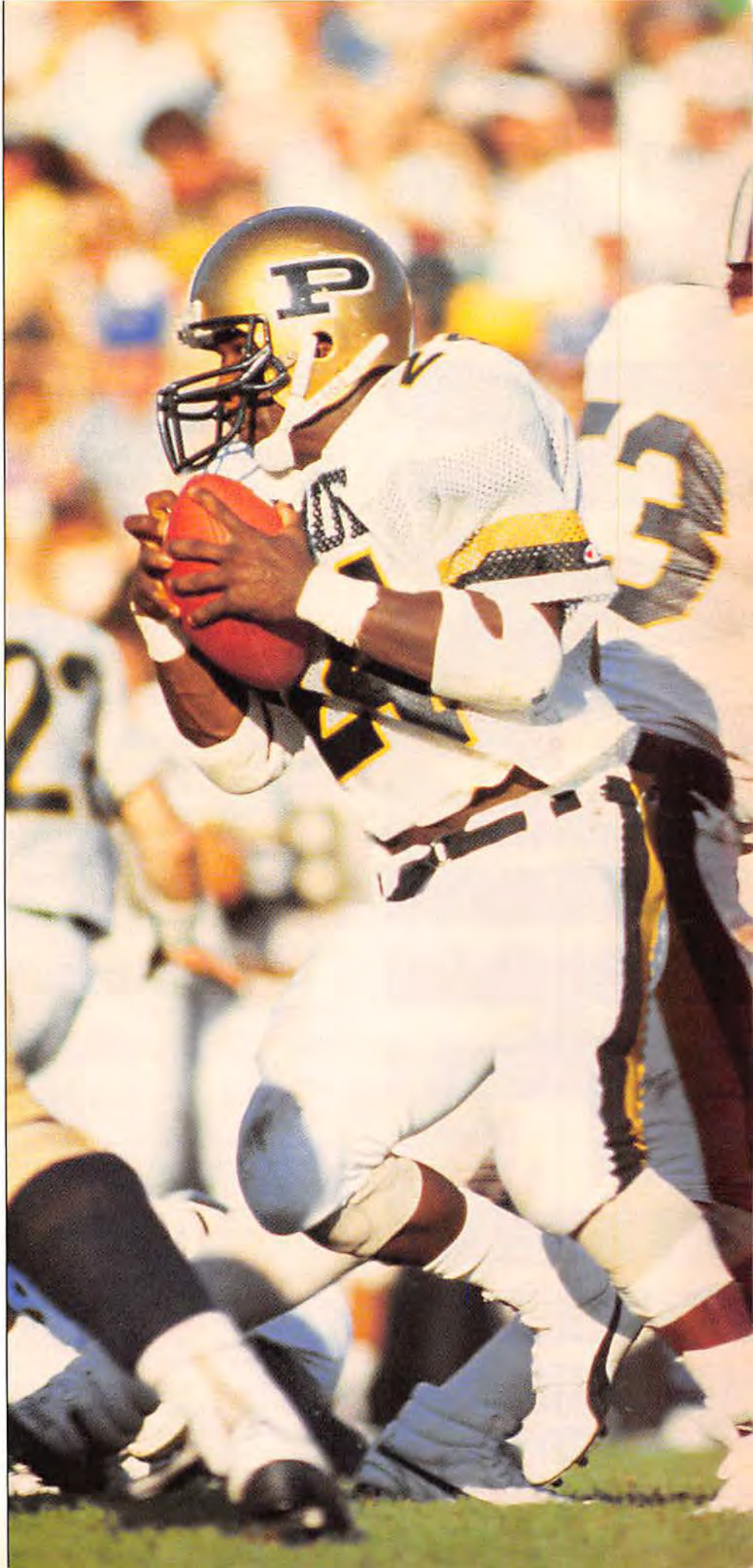
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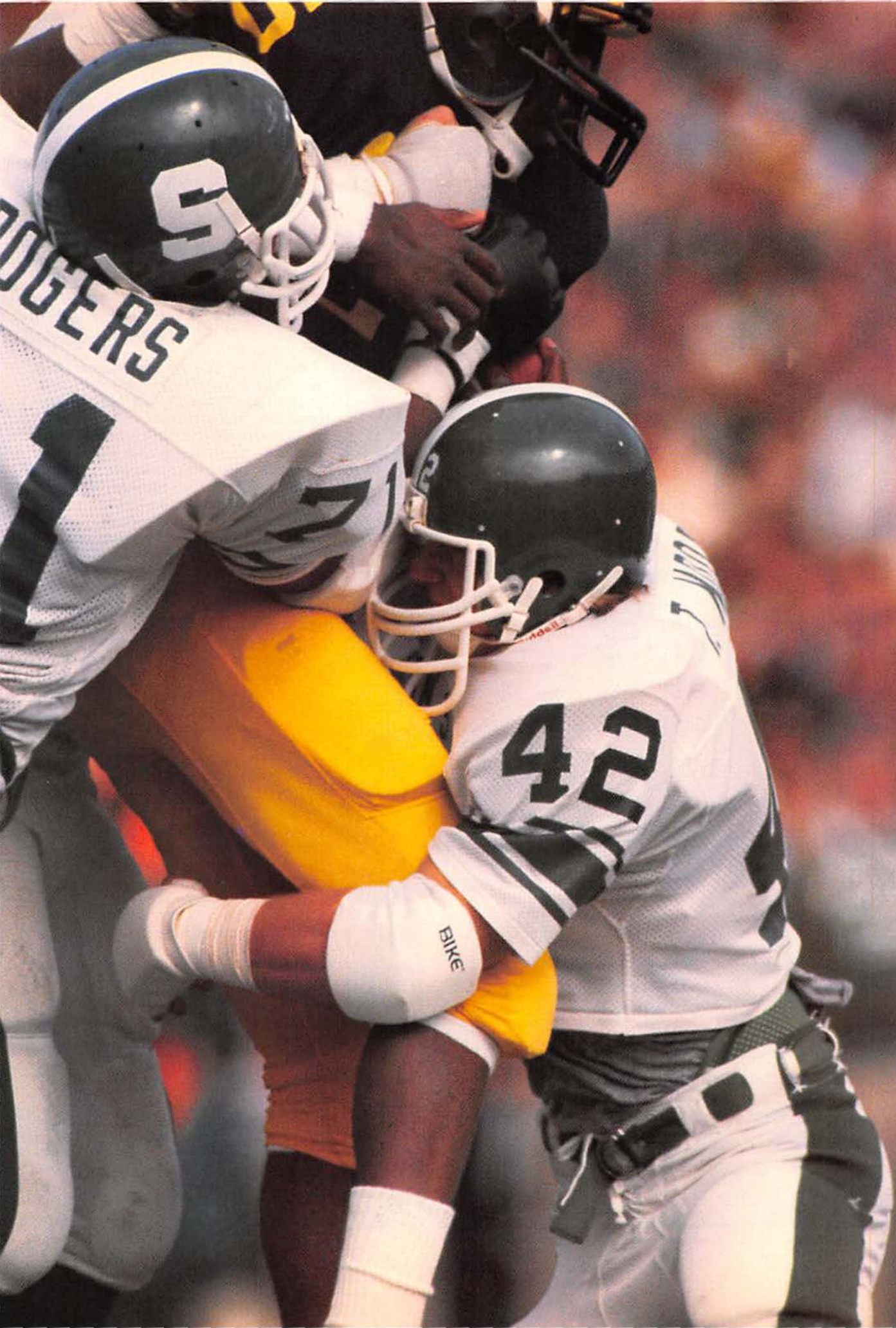
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"I think our schedule is great!" Moore says. "I know we're going to win, and that's going to make us look better. If we win all of our first five games, we'll be No. 1. And we've got the defense to do it!"

But do they have the offense to go along with it? Can the offensive line protect McAllister and Dan Enos? Does White still have the skills he showed as a sophomore? And can junior split end Andre Rison catch another 54 passes without the help of flanker Mark Ingram?

"I don't think there's anyone on any defense in the Big Ten who can cover Andre consistently," McAllister says of the Spartans' season reception king, an All-Big Ten choice with 966 yards as a sophomore. "If they can, I want to see it."

McAllister saw only mop-up duty last year behind starter Dave Yarema, the Spartans' career passing leader. Yarema set five Michigan State season marks last fall, but he also suffered 257 yards in losses attempting to throw.

McAllister, a fourth-year junior, is considerably faster than Yarema. And Enos, a redshirt freshman, is probably even quicker, making the option series a goal-line possibility.

"Enos is real confident back there and has great quickness," Nichols says. "When he runs, it's not because he's scared. It's because he's looking to make something happen."

What happened in the spring was that Enos closed the gap, completing all eight of his passes in the Spartans' spring game. But McAllister, best remembered for an 18-for-27, 275-yard day vs. Iowa in '85, will start as No. 1 in the fall training camp.

So will White, despite a challenge from swift sophomore Blake Ezor. In '85, White rushed for 1,908 yards to lead the nation and earn the favorite's role for last year's Heisman Trophy. But knee and ankle injuries and less-effective blocking held him to 633 yards in '86.

White didn't scrimmage this spring but said he'd be ready to go full-speed in September. If he isn't, Ezor should be. Last season, mononucleosis cost the Spartans' fastest back nearly half a season. But he finished with a flourish and shared most valuable player honors in the '87 spring game.

Replacing dependable Bobby Morse at full-back are James Moore and Joe Pugh, a pair of sophomores with some experience. Moore is the better runner and receiver, but Pugh's blocking won't be forgotten in an I-formation offense.

Junior flanker Willie Bouyer just might be. If

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socks this season to give us the illusion we're running fast."

To which Sports Editor Don Wolfe of *The Blade* (Toledo) replied: "Gotcha, coach—what you're looking for is uniform team speed."

Otis Dypwick was the longtime publicity director at the University of Minnesota.

An out-of-town writer flew into Minneapolis to do some stories on the Gophers and called him at his home.

His wife answered the phone. "Excuse me," said the writer, "is this the home of Otis Dypwick?"

She replied: "Is there another?"

My Favorite Story

Illinois is playing Northwestern at Dyche Stadium in Evanston in 1945. The war is ending and many of the sportswriters are still away in service.

Jerry Rideout, former publicity director of the Buick Motor Car Company, is working for the United Press bureau in Chicago, and he is assigned to the game. He knows very little about football.

Buddy Young scores three touchdowns for Illinois in the first half. As Rideout is relaxing in the press box at halftime, he is given a ticker tape message from Western Union. It is from his office. The message reads: "If Buddy Young scores one more touchdown in the second half, he will tie Red Grange's Big Ten record."

Rideout looks at the message and turns to the man sitting next to him and says: "Who the bleep is Red Grange?"

The man looks back at him and says: "I am."

What to eat at college football games:

Rule No. 1 is if you are covering the University of Michigan, never eat Don Canham's hot dogs in the press box.

Rule No. 2 is never break Rule No. 1. Experienced gourmets swear Mr. Canham (Michigan's athletic director) cooks his hot dogs on Thursday, ships them in on Friday and sells them on Saturday, then freezes the leftovers for next week.

Purely Personal

1. Never eat a large breakfast on college football Saturdays. It ruins the day. Mostly, it ruins lunch.

2. Stop at the Stage Deli and get two beef brisket sandwiches on sour rye to go, with a new pickle cut up, and a container of potato salad and a container of chopped chicken liver.

3. The major problem is not to eat all the sandwiches in the car before you get to the game because there's nothing left to do when you get there but watch other people eat their sandwiches.

Games I must see before I pull the plug on my computer:

1. Yale-Harvard.

2. Anybody at Dartmouth because can you imagine spending an autumn weekend in the hills of Hanover, N.H., sitting before the fireplace at night, drinking hot buttered rum and telling lies to each other.

3. Texas-Oklahoma (and how come Oklahoma never gets to play this game at home?).

4. USC-UCLA.

5. Williams-Amherst.

Best move of 1986: Driving from Manhattan to Princeton, N.J., on the day of Game 6 of the World Series and seeing Princeton play Harvard and drink-

ing cold beer and buying a black and orange Princeton sweater for my wife. She now has sweaters from South Carolina and Princeton and Slippery Rock, and our neighbors think we are very educated. I don't wear my Alcatraz AC sweater in public.

Three Scariest Coaches of All-Time

1. Bear Bryant.
2. Vince Lombardi.
3. Woody Hayes.

You have not lived until:

• You've seen a football game in Michie Stadium at West Point.

• You've driven through the mountains to the Rose Bowl game on New Year's Day before anyone else gets up in the morning.

• You've watched Notre Dame's Roger Valdiserri do his stuff in the Notre Dame press box at a big game—easily the finest publicity man in the business and this is not a paid political announcement. I have never shared a meal with the man.

• You've watched the Ohio State band spell out "Ohio" in script at halftime in Columbus.

• You've spent one week at the Fiesta Bowl in Tempe and sat in the Jacuzzi before and after work . . . cool to get the day started and warm to get it ended.

A dozen people I would like to meet that I never met:

1. Col. Red Blaik.
2. Howard Jones.
3. Bear Bryant.
4. Gen. Bob Neyland.
5. Grantland Rice.
6. Dick Butkus.
7. Joe Paterno.
8. Fielding H. Yost.
9. Clark Shaughnessy.
10. Sid Gillman.
11. Sid Luckman.
12. Kim Novak.

Best College Player I Ever Saw: A tie—Dick Butkus and Ron Kramer.

Anecdote Alley

Bo Schembechler has been taken to St. Joseph's Hospital in Pasadena with a heart attack on the morning of the 1970 Rose Bowl game.

They've got the Michigan coach wired up to all kinds of gadgets, with a nurse watching over him through a little window at the far end of the room.

George Allen is his first visitor. He walks into the room of the intensive care unit and has a terrible expression on his face.

"Bo, this is awful," he says. "I can't believe this. This is terrible."

Schembechler looks at him but doesn't speak.

Allen shakes his head and says: "Bo, tell me . . . tell me how can I keep this from happening to me?"

Marv Homan, Ohio State Sports Information Director, tells a great Woody Hayes story.

Hayes is late for a meeting at St. John Arena. Homan looks out the window of his office and sees Hayes pull into the parking lot in his truck. There is only one parking space left.

Hayes pulls the truck in but can't get the door open. It bangs against the car next to him.

He backs out and tries it again. Same thing. He can't get the door open to get out.

Now he backs out one more time. He gets out of his truck, goes around to the rear and pushes it into the final parking spot.

If I Were a Coach . . .

- I'd have stuffed cabbage at the training table.
- I'd book a lot of games against Hawaii.
- I'd stay outside and watch the bands at halftime.
- I'd shower first before all the hot water is gone.
- I'd have steak sandwiches for the sportswriters after losing games.
- I'd throw on first down in case the sportswriters don't like my steak sandwiches.
- I'd show Jackie Gleason reruns in the film room.
- I'd do a lot of recruiting in Palm Springs.
- I'd hire Lawrence Taylor as a playing coach.
- I'd have Frank Nitti draw up my contract with the school officials.
- I'd also have chocolate ice cream cake and plenty of cold beer for the writers.

Trainer: "How do you get a dub dub in shape?"

Coach: "I give up."

Trainer: "You rub a dub dub."

What Ever Became of . . .

- Monk Meyer?
- The dropkick?
- The Notre Dame box?
- Two-dollar tickets?
- The buck lateral series?
- The belly series?
- Jarrin' John Kimbrough?
- The fifth down?
- Walter Camp?
- Bill Swiacki?
- KF-79?

Some things I don't understand about college football:

1. Why don't they start the games with a two-minute drill and get a quick lead?
2. If the end-around is such a hot play, why don't they run it more often?
3. Who blows up the balls?
4. Which one is the field judge?
5. How do you judge a field?
6. How can anyone pick All-America teams when they don't see all the All-Americans play?
7. How come the nose tackle never tackles any noses?
8. How come nobody gets hit by the bullet instead of dodging it all the time?
9. Why is it called a safety?
10. Why can't the defense run with a fumble?

Idle Thoughts

If I had a dinner party, I'd invite Larry Csonka to cook the meat and potatoes.

Barry Switzer is a terrible golfer because he keeps it on the ground all the time.

I never saw a goalpost in anyone's home after they tore it down.

I'm not fussy—I'll sit on either 49-yard line.

If you can throw a home-run ball in football, why can't you score a touchdown in baseball? How did they ever spell Alexander Wojciechowicz on deadline in the old days?

When is the Big Ten going to expand?

If the Pac-10 dropped four teams, would they become the Six-Pac?

I miss Bill Stern.

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(Morris continued)

"He made us do many things. He taught us how to fold clothes and put them in the drawer. He left us lists of things to do every day. Things to do in our rooms. Things to do in the kitchen. If they weren't done right, we'd stay up till 2 in the morning until they were done right.

"If you forgot to take out the trash, my dad would wait until 3 in the morning and wake you up and see that you took it out. If the kitchen wasn't spotless, if there was a crumb down, he'd wake you up at 3. He'd know about it at 9 or 10 at night, I'm sure, but he'd make you get up at a strange hour so you wouldn't forget it."

You there, Earl, you really did that to your kids? Tell the truth, sarge.

"In fact, I kept the military out of the house, for the most part," Morris says. "I mean, I didn't bring my military problems home. But after working with soldiers daily and then coming home, I couldn't break the habit. So I can understand what they mean.

"For instance, I would wake them at 6 in the morning. But this was the second time around for me. What they didn't realize is that I got up at 4 o'clock to do my running and exercising. Then at 6, when I got home, I'd wake them up.

"Their mother complained that they didn't know how to make beds. I didn't teach them so they could bounce a quarter off the bed, but they learned how to make one. Fact is, they'll be able to take care of a house just as good as their wives, if and when. Joe can do it right now. They can sustain themselves."

The sarge, however, is not reluctant to offer a refresher course if it's needed. He remembers getting the boys together after they had begun to travel and asking them how they packed their suitcases.

What did they say?

"They said, 'Oh, we just throw them in there.' And I said, 'Uh-oh, didn't I show you how to pack a drawer?' So I dumped the suitcases and they repacked them. And they said, 'Well, look, I can get more clothes in here now.'"

Morris was getting his sons prepared for the real world. It came at an early age for Joe. He was 10 when his father was sent to Vietnam. Earl told Joe that he would now be the man of the house.

"I had to look at it like I'd never be back," Earl Morris says. "And I had to make it sink in to Joe that somebody had to take charge and take care of the family. I had him watch an Audie Murphy movie on TV. I said, 'Joe, you see those bodies lying on the ground? I could be one of those men lying out there.'"

"Oh, no," he said. But it finally sank in. I told him he had to be a leader. I told him that he'd been following me, but that now he'd have to get the boys to follow him."

An unusual family, the Morris. There's Earl and Addie, his wife. The four boys. And their sisters, Geraldine, an English major at North Carolina, and Wanda, following in her father's footsteps, serving in the Army at Ft.

Devens, Mass., near where Earl retired and near where he and Addie now live.

Earl is 54. He and his sons are all built to the same specifications, between 5-7 and 5-8. In the Super Bowl it was Joe, a little Giant of a running back, who showed the world that being shorter than other players doesn't mean you can't compete with the big boys. "I'm a 6-2 guy in a 5-7 body," he explains. Now, Jamie, in his senior year at Michigan, would like to make the same point.

A 5-7, 179-pound tailback, Jamie gained 1,039 yards in 193 carries (a 5.4-yard average) and scored five touchdowns last season. His finest hour came against Ohio State.

Michigan trailed 14-6 after a half. It needed a victory to tie the Buckeyes for the Big Ten

isn't how tall you are, but how well you run.

"I think Joe is the reason I'm playing football," Jamie says. "When I was just a little kid, maybe 4 years old, Joe brought his equipment home from the Pop Warner League and let me try on the helmet and stuff. When he was in high school, we'd play backyard football. He'd be the coach. He'd line me up at running back. Mike would be the quarterback, Larry would be the other running back. Joe would teach us the high school plays."

Meantime, Earl Morris was doing some instructing of his own. In addition to getting a dose of military discipline, the Morris boys also learned the value of education. Their father wanted all of them to have college degrees.

"I want them to have something I always



Morris likes to add an exclamation point to an official pronouncement.

title and win the Rose Bowl invitation. The Wolverines drove 83 yards for a touchdown with the second-half kickoff, Morris scoring from the 4. Later they took a lead they would not relinquish on another drive keyed by his 52-yard run. His efforts won him Big Ten offensive Player of the Week honors.

Jamie Morris ran with the authority and experience he expects will be even more a part of his game this year.

"I've learned a lot since I've been at Michigan," he says. "In high school (Morris lettered four years at Ayer High in Massachusetts) you just got the ball and ran. Freshman year in college: get the ball, run left, go off tackle, get into the hole quick. Sophomore year: learn about calls and blocking assignments. Junior year: find out what everybody is doing on the line, where the hole will be, and if you get in trouble, realize there's another hole over there."

And now Jamie Morris wants to demonstrate one last time in college, just as Joe did, that it

wanted to have myself," he says. "But I couldn't find the time because I was in the military, and I was trying to take care of my family. It was important to me, with all those kids, to try to make rank and earn as much money as I could.

"Maybe if I had to do it all over again, I wouldn't be as practical as I was. One thing I say about education is that there's life after football. Just like there's life after the Army. I found that out."

The respect that the Morris boys have for their father is evident. So, too, is the love.

"I don't think he's made me a better man than he was, because he's a great man," Joe said during Super Bowl week.

"I always said I wouldn't do to my kids what he did to us growing up," Jamie says. "I didn't like it when I was young. I see now how it has helped me to go out into the world. I've learned to appreciate my father."

Just as, in Michigan, they've learned to appreciate the youngest of Earl Morris' sons.

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Bruce Is Sticking, New Image and All

by Dick Fenlon



Ohio State football fans couldn't have been more surprised if Earle Bruce had ridden into the Cotton Bowl on a motorcycle wearing cowboy clothes he'd just purchased at Neiman-Marcus. For there, bouncing out of the dressing room for the start of the Buckeyes' game with Texas A&M last Jan. 1, was a nattily attired man in shiny black shoes, charcoal suit, black and white striped tie and gray-black fedora.

In the Cotton Bowl, visitors from Ohio elbowed neighbors and pointed excitedly. As TV cameras zeroed in on the fashion plate, folks back home in Ohio rubbed their eyes and muttered something about somebody having had one too many on New Year's Eve.

Had Earle Bruce, at 55, abdicated the Buckeye throne? Was Tom Landry making a guest appearance? Was *Gentleman's Quarterly* running some sort of promotion? None of those. Earle Bruce—with a little prompting from Ohio State Athletic Director Rick Bay—had just decided to dress up for his meeting with Texas A&M's Jackie Sherrill.

"I knew that Jackie dressed in different ways," says Bruce. "I knew how Tom Landry dressed for the Cowboys' games. So I talked it over with my wife. She said, 'Oh, no. I don't think you should do it.' I said, 'Well, I think I'm going to.' At the Cotton Bowl I almost backed out twice. I started out of the dressing room, and walked back in. I went out again, and came back in."

The third time, Bruce jutted out his chin, squared his shoulders, stuck out his barrel chest and strutted onto the field. "I've had more people talk about that than anything," he says. "It's amazing. Everywhere I go, people ask me what's going to happen the first game this season."

Well, what?

"I don't know. I'll just let them guess."

For eight years, Ohioans had taken Bruce for granted. He was the high-calorie, low-slung guy with the bulge in the middle who wore slacks, T-shirt and baseball cap to the games, and tried to take up where Woody Hayes left off. He was lampooned and harpooned for just about everything: his appearance, his string of six straight 9-and-3 records, his occasional

A sartorially resplendent Earle Bruce shook up just about everybody in sight at the Cotton Bowl.

PR gaffes, his pedestrian speaking style. Earle Bruce was not William Jennings Bryan, not George Patton, not Lou Holtz, not Woody Hayes. Ohio wanted peppermint swirl with whipped cream topping, and Earle Bruce was plain vanilla.

He still is, essentially. But it would be wise not to take him for granted any longer. A week after Ohio State's 28-12 victory over A&M in the Cotton Bowl, the coach of the, ahem, TEN-and-3 Buckeyes was in San Diego—the American College Football Coaches and the

NCAA were meeting there—being courted by Arizona Athletic Director Cedric Dempsey. This must have surprised some of his Ohio detractors, who figured that nobody would be interested in plain vanilla Earle. But it wasn't a surprise to Rick Bay.

Bay came to Ohio State from Oregon in 1984, presumably with an open mind about the football coach he inherited. Rumors were rife, nonetheless, that the main missions entrusted to the new AD included easing Bruce and then-basketball Coach Eldon Miller out of their

jobs to make room for more glitzy successors.

Miller eventually was nudged out. But while recognizing Bruce's weakness in the charisma department, Bay became one of his strongest backers, won over, among other things, by his consistent, if unspectacular, success in the top echelon of college football and his integrity. Bay's support was instrumental in getting Bruce a three-year contract in 1986. Until then, no Ohio State coach had ever had more than a year and a handshake.

Now, Bay was faced with a crisis. "Earle

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Woody Hayes Cared about People

Earle Bruce was less a man then and more a boy. It was 1951, and he was 20, heartsick and on his way home from Columbus, Ohio, to Cumberland, Md. His dream of playing college football had been ended by chronic injury.

"Woody let Harry Strobel, his assistant, do the job," Bruce recalled, nearly 36 years later, on the winter day last March when 15,000 gathered at Ohio Stadium to pay their last respects to Wayne Woodrow Hayes, Ohio State's football coach of 28 seasons, 205 victories and three national champions.

"Harry took the car and drove up and down East Main Street, where I normally thumbed home from. But he couldn't find me. When I finally got home, my mother said, 'Coach Strobel called. You're to call him.'

"So I called him, and he said, 'Come back.'

"I said, 'You really want me?'

"He said, 'Yep, Woody wants you to come back and help coach football.' "

Woody Hayes couldn't have known that the discouraged sub who couldn't play—who wasn't even recruited by him—would one day be his successor. But perhaps he perceived the first faint signs of a future coach. Certainly, he knew that giving up and going home would solve nothing; that if football were a valued part of a university, education was the whole of it.

America knew several Woody Hayeses. It knew the unrelenting taskmaster, the big winner and the hard loser, the godfather of three yards and a cloud of dust, the molder of championship teams, the producer of All-Americans. It knew the sideline stomper and the marker shredder.

Less well did it know the Woody Hayes who took his players to history class on

the day before a big game at Illinois, who lectured on Ralph Waldo Emerson at Harvard, who wrote letters to the parents of every grunt from Ohio he talked with on his four visits to Vietnam, who visited hospital wards to cheer up people he didn't even know, who never made more than \$40,000 as one of the most famous coaches in football history, and who lived in the same unpretentious house, a punt

from the campus, from the day he bought it on his arrival at Ohio State until the day he died in it. This was the Woody Hayes who cared about a scrub he didn't even recruit.

The Woody Hayes that Earle Bruce knew was the one who saw a life to be guided rather than a scholarship vacancy to be filled.

"He really cared about me, in a way that I guess he cared about a lot of people," Bruce said on the day the pennants flew at half-mast in Ohio Stadium and the fans silently filed in to pay their last respects. "He helped me get all my jobs—you name it, I got it because of Coach Hayes."

And finally, in January, 1979, by a quirk of perverse fate, Bruce got Hayes' job. Rather than a natural transition, it was a traumatic one. In the Gator Bowl on Dec. 29, 1978, Hayes had punched Clemson linebacker Charlie Bauman after Bauman had intercepted a pass to nail down a 17-15 Clemson victory.

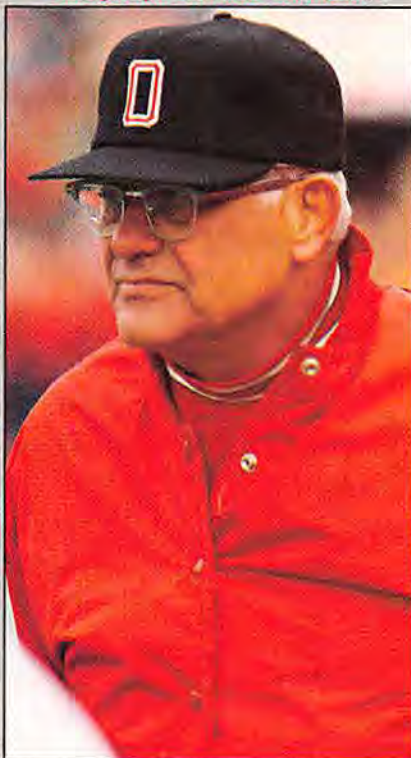
It was football weather on March 17, 1987, the day 1,400 people gathered to say goodbye to Woody Hayes. It was the kind of a day that might worry a coach about kicking into the wind or defending the south goal. Among all the speakers, none was more overwhelmed or more uncharacteristically eloquent than the man who got Hayes' job.

"When it first happened, he was bitter," Bruce said. "But he overcame that bitterness quickly. If he had wanted to, he very easily could have crushed the program. He could have made it terribly tough. But he wasn't going to destroy Ohio State football. Coach Hayes loves Ohio State."

The present tense did not seem inappropriate.

—DICK FENLON

Woody Hayes: He loved Ohio State.



WISCONSIN

It's rare when a pair of kickers form the heart of a football team, but Wisconsin's Todd Gregoire and Scott Cepicky aren't your average special-teams standouts.

The two Badger seniors are the heart and soul of a squad with its third head coach in three seasons. Don Morton, 70-24 in eight years at North Dakota State and Tulsa, succeeds Jim Hilles, 1986 interim coach who took over for the late Dave McClain.

"Everyone's getting used to Coach Morton now, and we know his philosophy," says Gregoire, who didn't miss an extra point or a field goal in Big Ten play last season.

"Coach Morton's more easygoing than Coach Hilles and last year's staff. He motivates you more off the field, instead of just crawling in your face. And he has a different sense of humor. I'm still trying to figure him out."

"We had a ton of talent. But everyone was too tense. It was a bad situation to be put in. We had to accomplish something right away or else."

Cepicky, who had a streak of 16 games with at least one 50-yard punt, figures Morton is an interesting mix, perhaps the right one to get the most from some understandably mixed-up players.

"He reminds me of a Southern Baptist kind of preacher," Cepicky says. "He can be real quiet, but when he says something, even with levity, he always commands respect."

"He's a combination of Coach McClain and Coach Hilles. Coach McClain believed in having fun. Coach Hilles wanted things done exactly his way, a real authoritarian approach. With Coach Morton, there's time for both."

The mood was anything but light last season. McClain suffered a heart attack and died in Camp Randall Stadium in April 1986. And in the fall, Wisconsin, under Hilles and constant pressure, suffered through a 3-9 nightmare.

"It has been tough on all of us the last two years," Gregoire says. "What happened affected the players more than everybody thinks. No one likes change. And here, no one had a chance to make a smooth transition."

"After the non-conference games, you could sense the pressure. We were supposed to do well. We had a ton of talent. But everyone was too tense. It was a bad situation to be put in. We had to accomplish something right away or else."

The Badgers didn't accomplish nearly enough to save Hilles' job. After a 2-6 conference mark, with wins over Illinois and Northwestern, the inevitable happened.

"1986 was a forgettable season," Cepicky says. "Our team really wasn't that bad. It was just the change of coaches and feeling we were under the gun. The word interim carries so much pressure to perform."

"Coach Hilles didn't get a fair shake. Everyone felt he should have been given a second chance. The way his dismissal was handled—the news leaked out before our banquet—was in poor taste. But that's all over now. And the guys seem comfortable with Coach Morton."

Equally important, Morton is comfortable in Madison. He has been well-received by the fans and welcomed by players who seek stability.

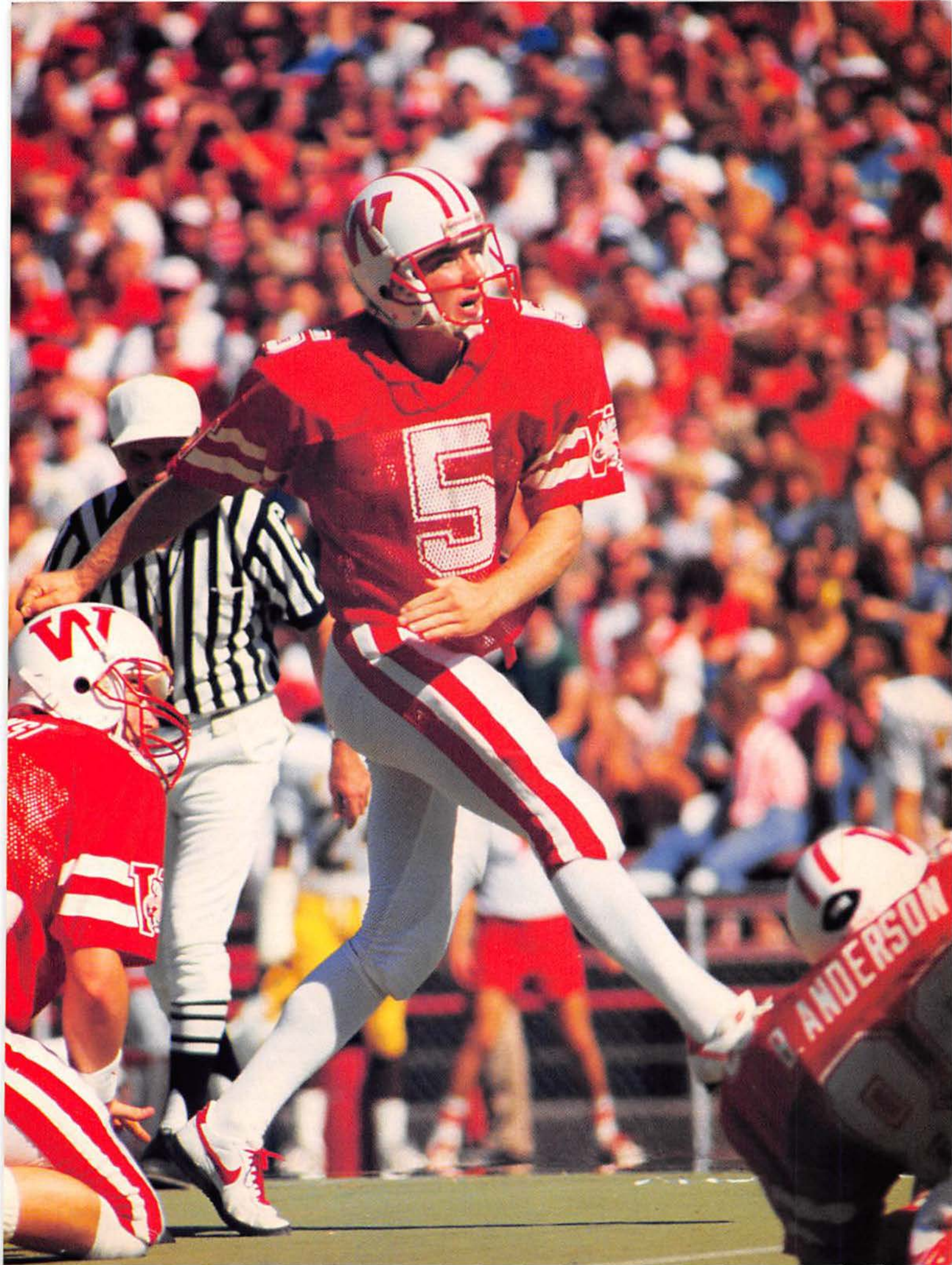
"We've had a very generous, very warm reception," Morton says. "Our players have adjusted well to the new staff and accepted its teaching. We all learned a lot, and we like what we've seen."

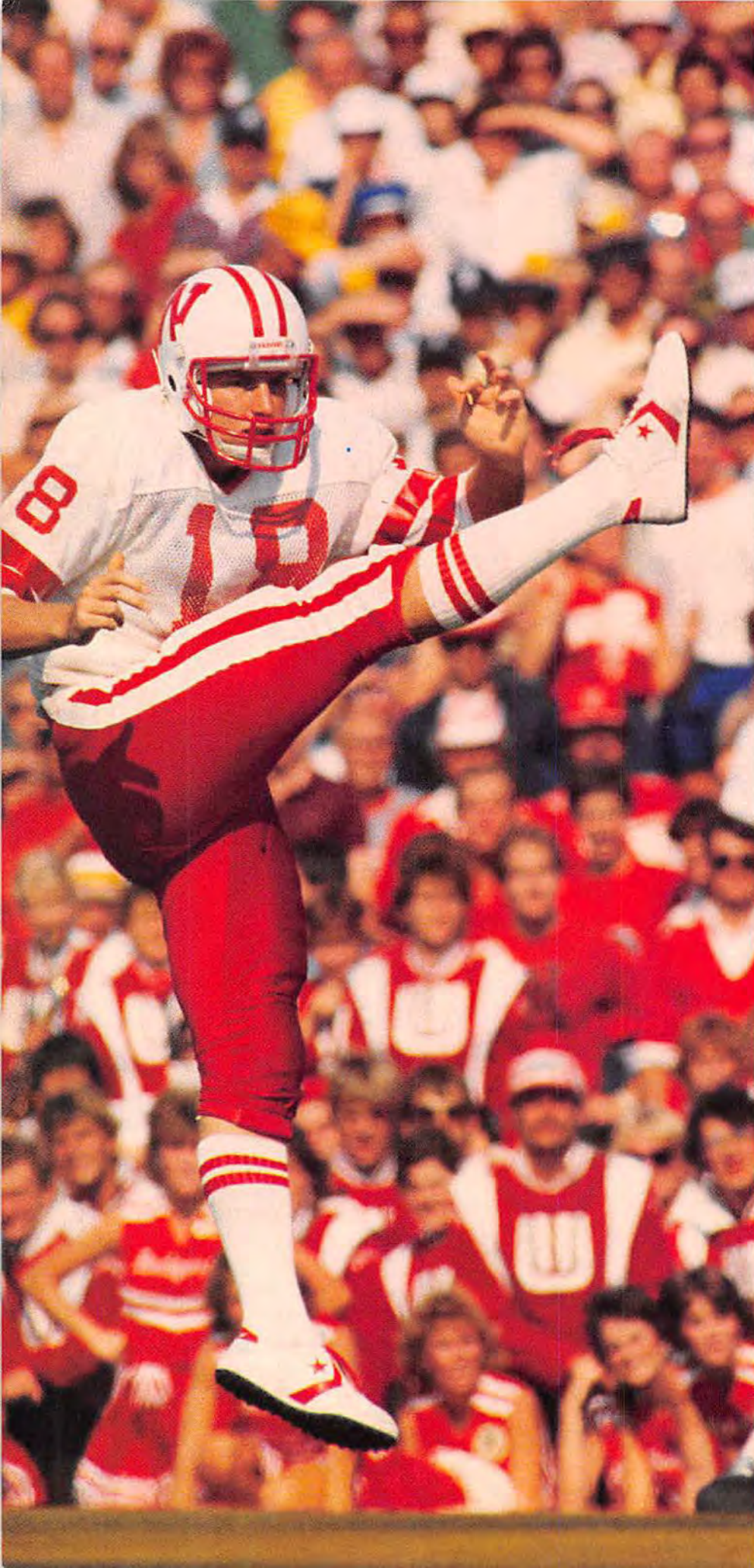
Wisconsin fans, accustomed to an I-formation, dropback-passing offense, will see a totally different attack this fall. The Badgers will be a veer-option team, with a total commitment to offensive concepts heretofore unfamiliar to them.

"People make too big a thing of the offense you run," Morton says. "We run every conceivable type of option, but there's nothing magical about it. It still depends on the people you have and the way they play."

"It's all a growth process. But our overall approach is to be well-grounded in the

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← *Scott Cepicky should crack the top 10 in punting this year after finishing 12th in '86.*

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basics. A lot of times, we make this game more complicated than it is."

The best teams display excellent leadership, particularly at quarterback. Wisconsin may have found that in juniors Bud Keyes and Paul Chryst, who had surprisingly good spring drills in the new system.

"We have a very competitive situation at quarterback," Morton says. "Bud and Paul brought out the best in each other. We're not worried about our quarterbacking."

In the spring game, Keyes led the first team to a 31-2 victory, directing drives of 70 and 88 yards. Last year, while sharing the job with Mike Howard, Keyes completed 53.4 percent of his passes for 1,002 yards and five touchdowns. He also rushed for three scores.

"Bud's a very gifted athlete," Morton adds. "He has the acceleration you need to run the ball, as he showed last year when he was forced to scramble. I've never had a quarterback with his passing ability."

The Badgers' biggest offensive strength should be a rearranged line with four returning senior starters. In the veer, the dominant blockers line up at guard instead of at tackle. That probably means a switch for seniors Paul Gruber (6-4, 291) and Glenn Derby (6-6, 290).

Also back are junior tackle-guard Todd Nelson (6-5, 270) and senior tackle-center Rod Lossow (6-3, 272). The fifth spot could be filled by senior tackle Keith Peterson (6-5, 264) or senior center Steve Rux (6-3, 245).

With star tailback Larry Emery gone, the ball-carrying chores should fall to a pair of juniors, fullback Marvin Artley and halfback Steve Vinci. Artley, the No. 2 rusher with 324 yards last fall, is a 6-1, 235-pound bull with the speed to get outside. And Vinci should improve on his 3.3-yard average of last fall.

The tight ends are returning junior starter Brian Anderson (6-5, 235) and Brant Kennedy (6-4, 225), a senior. The top returning receiver is junior wide-out Scott Bestor, who had just 19 grabs in '86. At the other flank should be junior James Ross, junior Fred Bobo or sophomore Bill Williams.

"We know kicking is going to play a bigger role this year," says Gregoire, the school's all-time kick-scoring leader. "We're not going to get the ball in the end zone every time, so we'd better put three points on the board when we can. In close games, it'll probably come down to field goals."

That should give Wisconsin a decided advantage over most teams on its schedule. Gregoire has hit 49 field goals and missed just one extra point in three seasons.

Cepicky wouldn't be surprised if Gregoire, as a senior, boots more extra points than he ever has in a single season or if the Badgers get plenty of practice on kickoff returns.

"We lost some key people, but I think our new offense is going to put a lot of points on the board," he says. "Our defense still has to

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→ *Fullback Marvin Artley is more than partly responsible for the Badger offense.*





With All-American wide receiver Cris Carter (above) and tailback Vince Workman (right), a five-yard-average man, the Buckeyes have a very potent offense.



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high school. I didn't want to get tackled on the blacktop.

"We also had a pond next to our house, and we used to play football on ice skates. Guys came up on you wearing skates when you went down. I remember one kid getting a blade in the face and having 17 stitches in the forehead.

"That's how we entertained ourselves. I'd come home all beat up, always needing stitches myself. My mother would say, 'Got to go to the hospital again, Chris?'"

Spielman hasn't sent anybody to the hospital during his three seasons at Ohio State, but he has certainly played havoc with opposing offenses.

"My main goal is to have a better year than last year," he says. "I know if I have a better year, our defense is going to have a better year.

"I'm talking about the total package. Mentally better and physically better. I don't want to get blocked out. I want to believe I'm never going to get blocked. And when I hit, I want people to know I hit them.

"Each year I think I've improved 50 percent. I had a fairly good year last year, and it's going to be hard to top. The only guy who can control that, I guess, is me."

Spielman leads a tested Buckeye defense that finished the season with a plus 23 turnover ratio and intercepted five passes in the Cotton Bowl. The Ohio State defense had 24 interceptions and recovered 20 fumbles. The offense surrendered 10 interceptions and lost 11 fumbles.

All four linebackers and three of the four deep backs return. The linebackers, in addition to Spielman, are senior Eric Kumerow (6-6, 242) and junior Derek Isaman (6-3, 212), who play outside, and junior John Sullivan (6-0, 233) and Spielman inside. Starting cornerbacks William White and Greg Rogan and roverback Ray Jackson are seniors. Sophomore starter David Brown is the safety. Ohio State also has an experienced nose guard in junior Mike Sullivan (6-0, 236). He'll be flanked by sophomore Mike Showalter (6-4, 248) and junior college transfer Derek MacCready (6-5, 260).

The kicking game should be stronger. Tupa will again do the punting. Senior Matthew Frantz, a walk-on who didn't kick until the sixth game of the season, is the placekicker.

Frantz made 22 of 22 extra-point attempts and 15 of 20 field goals. His 9.6 points-per-game average led the conference. One of the misses, just wide of the upright from 45 yards with 66 seconds left, left the Buckeyes two points behind Michigan and sent them to the Cotton Bowl instead of the Rose Bowl.

Ohio State wants to turn that around this season.

Says Spielman, "The main goal is to beat Michigan."

Isn't it always?

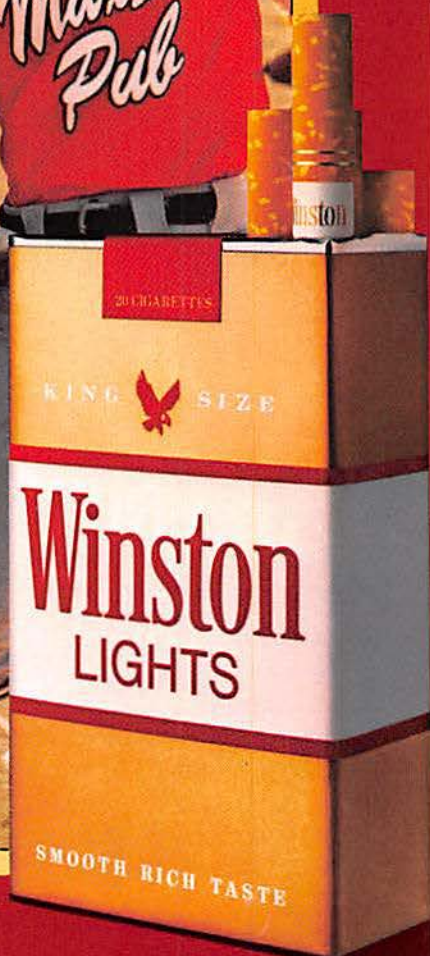
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*He makes tradition where he
finds it, and that includes the holy waters
of Beautiful Eagle Creek*

The great thinking, the stuff the suddenly rich lore of Georgia Southern football is made of, is done at Snooky's cafe in Statesboro, Ga. By 6 each morning, Erskine Russell is already there, musing over his coffee. The coffee, he says, "makes your head do strange things."

Legends bud at Snooky's inside the scarred and hairless cranium of Erk Russell, the coach who in six years has raised Georgia Southern's Eagles from football nonexistence to two consecutive national championships in NCAA Division I-AA.

The Allegory of the Rattlesnake—starring a very live, very poisonous reptile—was conceived at a meeting of Russell's "6 a.m. group of philosophers" at Snooky's. The concept so overwhelmed him that he waited around for the "7:30 group of philosophers" to help him figure out where they could get their hands on a rattlesnake.

The name Beautiful Eagle Creek occurred to him one morning as he gazed out the window at a slimy drainage ditch on the other side of the practice fields. An official state marker, white letters on blue background, now marks Beautiful Eagle Creek. It is currently the trendiest stream in South Georgia, if not the entire state.

The magic of the waters of Beautiful Eagle Creek (never let Erk hear you leave out "Beautiful" when you talk about his Blue Danube of Bulloch County) dawned on him at Snooky's. The high liturgy of the sprinkling of these holy waters upon the fields where Georgia Southern sought and won two national championships was prescribed at Snooky's.

Such a mystical, complex man this Russell seems to be, thanks to the national media: a balding high priest of swamp water hexes, rustic eloquence and dazzling offense; a molder of national championships at a college that only six years ago had no football program.

But such a simple man this Russell really is, at Snooky's in the mornings with his coffee and his fresh ideas that (a) always manage to get his points across to his players and (b) somehow mushroom into regional, sometimes national, legends.

Russell denies that he has an uncanny, unique ability to communicate with his players. "I can't really speak about that," he says. "I know I like 'em, if that means anything."

Does it mean anything? It means everything. It means communication, direct and uncluttered.

Late last summer, with basketball star Len Bias and NFL player Don Rogers recently dead of cocaine use, most football coaches, including Russell, lectured their players on the dangers of drugs. At a team meeting he spread bags of baking powder and powdered sugar on a table and warned that white powder (cocaine) can kill. Yeah, coach. Right... Ho-hum... Not bad, but still just another anti-drug lecture.

Then Russell hollered, "OK, bring him in!" And in came a couple of his friends from Claxton, Ga., with a cage from which they produced a six-foot rattlesnake. They threw it onto the table with the dummy drugs. The players yelled and scattered, backing against the walls.

"How many famous athletes have died recently of a rattlesnake bite?" Russell asked. "And how many have died of cocaine?"

The room was silent, except for the ominous rattle from the snake's tail.

"When that white stuff comes into a room, you're not nearly as apt to leave as when that rattlesnake comes in," Russell said. "Look, they'll both kill you. If that white stuff comes into a room, you get out like it's a rattlesnake. Because it is."

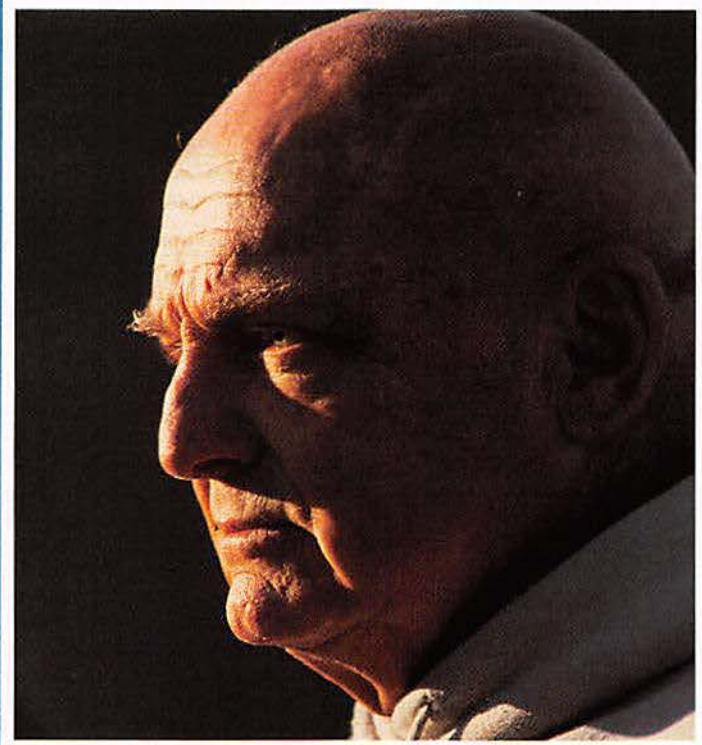
End of meeting.

Fred Stokes, a tackle on the 1986 team, says, "My first reaction was to get out of that room. After things settled down, we sort of laughed about it. Now, as I look back, I realize Coach Russell made a good point. He didn't want us messing with drugs, and he figured that was the best way to get our attention. It definitely worked for me."

And it worked for the others, including wide receiver Tony Belsea. "Every time I see something on television or in the newspapers about cocaine, I see that rattlesnake, I think about that rattlesnake," he says.

A year later, Russell is certain

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Erk Russell

by Ed Hinton

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the point stuck. "I don't think any of those guys will ever set eyes on cocaine or crack without seeing that rattlesnake," he says. "I've gotten letters from coaches throughout the country saying it was a good way to make the point. It was a good lesson, if I do say so. Hell, it impressed me."

Russell's clear communication can also be of the everyday variety. In the intense heat of preseason practice, he does sit-ups and push-ups. He runs. He does almost everything he asks his players to do.

"When we see him doing that at age 60," says Sammy Williams, a defensive lineman on both national championship teams at Georgia Southern, "we know we can do what it takes to stay in shape at age 17 through 21. He sets the tempo."

The oldest, most notorious tale of direct communication with players is that the bareheaded Russell butts heads with helmeted players during pregame warm-ups. That story started at the University of Georgia, where he spent 17 years as Vince Dooley's defensive coordinator, creating and training the Junkyard Dogs of the mid-'70s.

"He doesn't do that anymore," says Mike Healey, Russell's defensive coordinator. "That type of motivation needs to come from assistant coaches. And I don't think any of us are prepared to do it. I can do a lot of things, but not that."

"My wife has been telling me for 20 years that if I did that again she was going to leave me," Russell says.

Actually, he claims, he never did literally butt heads with players. He says it was just a story that grew at Georgia at the dawn of the Junkyard Dog era.

"It was just a little preliminary tackling drill we used to do," Russell says. "The idea is to put your eyes right on the other guy's pads (that is, hit the opponent in the chest). When I would do that with the Georgia players, the uninformed sitting in the stands and the press box would think I was butting heads. Oh, it'll take a little skin off your head, but it ain't really head-buttin'."

In the 1981 Sugar Bowl game, Georgia won the national championship of Division I-A, and Russell, on the sidelines in a black shirt with the sleeves ripped off at the shoulders, was the symbol of Bulldog scrappiness.

It was his last game with Georgia.

That spring, he was offered a job as head coach of, well, nothing. Georgia Southern, down in Statesboro, had decided to revive football after a 41-year layoff. There were no helmets, no pads, no locker room. When Russell took the job, the school president had to go out and buy a football for the photo session at the press conference.

Four and a half years later, in only their second year of I-AA competition, the Eagles won their first national championship.

Toward the end of the 1985 season, the legend of Beautiful Eagle Creek was created.

"I was settin' at Snooky's one morning before we went to play Northern Iowa (in a semifinal game of the 1985 playoffs)," Russell says, "and I got to thinkin' about how we was goin' off 2,000 miles from home to play. Statesboro is the gnat capital of America, and Beautiful Eagle Creek is probably the birthplace of every leading American mosquito."

"I got me a milk jug. I came over and filled it with Beautiful Eagle Creek water and took it with me. When we got to their stadium the night before the game, I went to one end zone and poured out some water. I went all the way down the field pouring the water and emptied the jug in the other end zone. We felt like some of those gnat and mosquito larvae would hatch overnight and make us feel at home during the game."

Georgia Southern won (though the gnat most maddening to Northern Iowa was the little Eagle quarterback, Tracy Ham) and advanced to the championship game at Tacoma, Wash.

"I took another jug into the Tacoma Dome for the Furman game," says Russell. And last year, he took another jug into the same Dome to put a 48-21 whammy on Arkansas State, which tried in vain to counter

with its own hex: stagnant pond water poured by Coach Larry Lacewell.

Russell's creek water is 4-0 in playoffs. He uses it only in semifinal and final games. The ceremony of the sprinkling of the field has grown to include a procession and incantations.

Before the 1986 semifinal game at Nevada-Reno, stories of the creek water ritual were so widespread that a group of photographers collected on the field to document it. Russell shooed them away. He would not, and will not, allow pictures of the ritual.

"It's between me and my players," Russell says.

"A lot of people have laughed about the (sprinkling) ceremonies," says Ham, "but to us they were very meaningful. In big games a long way from home, they helped to loosen everyone up."

The senior players' committee to design the 1986 championship rings decided to replace the Eagle on the ring logo with an engraving of a jug to represent Beautiful Eagle Creek water taken to the playoffs.

"That's how important the ceremonies were to us," says Ham, a committee member.

As always, Russell has communicated with his players in such a simple and humorous, yet profound, way that drainage ditches seem hallowed, stagnant waters magical and teammates passed over by big-time schools seem mighty.

Russell will take credit for shaping the lore and the mystique, but not for the national titles.

"I'm not going to kid myself into thinking this is

something I did," he says. "I understand how we became national champions: We had the best quarterback (Ham) in the country to run the option. We had good skill people to go with him, and our offensive coaches (coordinator Paul Johnson; Russell's son, Jay, wide receivers; and Tim Stowers, line) and our players did it. I'm not any better coach than I was when I was defensive coordinator at Georgia in 1979, when we lost our first three games and went 6-5."

But he was a superb communicator even then, and now his direct lines to his players and his belief in the youngsters are unfettered by anyone else's philosophy.

Russell was able to recruit Ham away from Florida and Florida State via those direct lines and that belief.

"When I was in high school (at High Springs, Fla.)," says Ham, "Coach Russell was the only one who thought I could play quarterback. He was the only coach who would give me a chance. I had a lot to prove and he let me prove it."

Now, Russell, I-AA Coach of the Year and member of the Georgia Football Hall of Fame, faces life without Ham. After amassing 12,512 career yards (4,253 rushing and 7,259 passing) and 98 touchdowns (including playoffs), Ham is headed for the pros.

"Has it sunk in that Tracy will be gone?" says Russell. "Yeah, I guess. 'Bout as much as the idea of winning two consecutive national championships has sunk in. Y'see, this is all a dream anyway."

The option offense continues. Beautiful Eagle Creek flows on. The philosophers meet every predawn at Snooky's. And after only six years, Georgia Southern has a sudden tradition, created by Erk Russell.

Georgia Southern's student population of 7,500 has become so enthralled with football during Russell's short reign that each preseason, in addition to the 55 scholarship players, about 90 walk-ons try out. He would allow more walk-ons if he had equipment for them. As it is, the only would-be players he discourages are those who never played football at the high school or junior high level. "The odds are just against them," he says sadly.

Chances of graduation for those who play for Russell are excellent. Seven of the eight seniors on the 1985 championship team graduated. All of the 18 seniors on the 1986 title team have either graduated or are close to a degree in the fall quarter.

At 60, Russell sees no end to his coaching career.

"Sixty?" he argues. "Naw, I'm 50. When I got here, I had my age legally lowered. I'd heard this was a young man's job."

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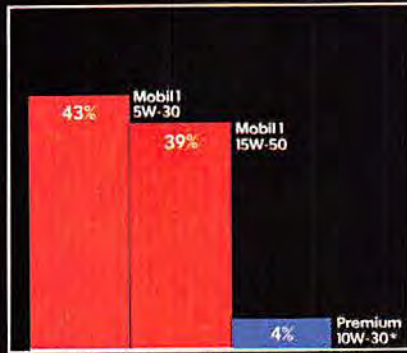
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move up to replace departing regular Mark Sindlinger.

Running backs—The nine top ground-gainers return, led by Bayless and the top two fullbacks, David Hudson, a senior, and junior Richard Bass. Hudson played sparingly after popping a quadriceps in the third game while running 50 yards of what might have been an 80-yard sprint. Bass took over and gained 355 yards in 81 carries. Hudson, who probably would have been the team's leading gainer had he stayed healthy, picked up 511 on 73 attempts. Backing up Bayless are seniors Kevin Harmon, who saved Iowa's neck in the Holiday Bowl with a tremendous kickoff return to set up the winning field goal, and Kevin Ringer, a former junior college All-American.

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And on defense:

Ends—The only loss was regular Bruce Gear, but returning are senior starter Joe Mott (6-4, 225) and senior backups Tyrone Berrie (6-2, 217) and Mike Burke (6-5, 225). The latter is a converted quarterback who made several big plays in 1986.

Tackles—Impact losses are Jeff Drost and Jon Vrieze, two big, powerful starters, so line coach Dan McCarney is building around seniors Myron Keppy (6-3, 255) and Joe Schuster (6-5, 260).

Nose guard—Senior Dave Haight (6-3, 260) made All-Big Ten last year and again will be a fixture, backed up by senior Steve Thomas (6-1, 270), a part-time starter last year after transferring from Nebraska.

Linebackers—George Davis, the leading tackler of 1986 and a fine leader, is the only loss. Returnees include sophomore Brad Quast (6-2, 225), who was named a freshman All-American by *The Sporting News*; seniors Dan Wirth (6-4, 236), Tyrone Taylor (6-2, 241) and J.J. Puk (6-3, 212), an All-Big Ten academic pick; and junior Jim Reilly (6-2, 215).

Defensive backs—Iowa lost two starters, cornerback Ken Sims and free safety Kyle Crowe, as well as backup strong safety Rick Schmidt. Bill Brashier, assistant head coach who directs the secondary, will plug the holes with returning starters Keaton Smiley, a sophomore cornerback, and senior strong safety Kerry Burt, as well as backups Anthony Wright, a junior, and seniors Dwight Sistrunk and Kent Thompson.

Punting—Three-year booter Gary Kostrubala has graduated, but Fry's staff has landed two promising punters in Jeff Skillett, a rookie from Silvis, Ill., and Mark Adams, a junior college star from Clearfield, Utah.

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A linebacker for the future, and not too far away at that: sophomore Brad Quast.



Northwestern quarterback Mike Greenfield boldly predicts, "It is realistic to talk 6-5 and go to a bowl game."
This season.

And the Wildcats haven't experienced a winning season since 1971, once going 3-62-1 during a six-year period.

So has Greenfield been playing without a helmet?

No, the senior quarterback isn't suffering from combat fatigue. He is serious. "Just wait and see, then come talk to me after it's over," he says.

The feeling is contagious on the Evanston campus. It was triggered by Coach Francis Peay, who has made good on his promise to "change the image and perception of Northwestern."

"There is more interest, more pride among the students. It showed us something." After more than a few disappointments in three years at Northwestern, Greenfield is beginning to smell the roses.

His players caught it. Then the students. Even the alumni. Peay hasn't authorized the sale of Rose Bowl tickets, but things are looking up for a school that hasn't been to Pasadena since Jackie Jensen was a college football star at California and Harry Truman was in the White House.

Greenfield noticed a "more upbeat image on campus" after Peay held several fireside chats at student dormitories last winter. And he felt a "change in attitude" when "people came up to me and asked about spring practice and how the team was doing."

But the topper came when Greenfield was walking to a mid-morning breakfast prior to the spring game and counted dozens of tailgaters in the stadium parking lot. More than 5,000 showed up for the game, quite an increase from last year's count of about 500.

"I never saw that before," says Greenfield. "There is more interest, more pride among the students. It showed us something."

After more than a few disappointments in three years at Northwestern, Greenfield is beginning to smell the roses . . . after overcoming the crisis over Peay's coaching future, the university's lack of commitment to the football program, being ejected from the Illinois game as a sophomore because he badmouthed an official, and too many lopsided losses.

"I never second-guessed my decision to come here," says Greenfield.

"He (Peay) said he'd put us in a situation where we'd have a chance to win a game at the end instead of getting blown out, and we'd have to get it for ourselves. We came up short last year. We finished 4-7 but, realistically, we could have been 6-5."

While Peay has been sending positive signals all over Chicago, he isn't as brash as his young quarterback. After all, Peay once played at Missouri. He has to be shown. But he sees good signs.

"We're still a long way from a winning season," he says. "But no longer do we have to search for a moral victory. After a 45-0 loss, someone once pointed out it was a moral victory because the opponent had scored all of its points in the first half and we had shut them out in the second half. That isn't the case any more."

"There once was a feeling of despair that was evident on the squad and the campus, a total feeling of hopelessness. The tough job is to try to make the players aware that they can have a positive feeling about themselves, that a belief in themselves is merited. Formerly, they had no hope because they had heard so much false confidence in the past."

"They wondered who this guy is expressing belief in us, who says if we begin this process we will gradually begin to improve. They thought it was more false confidence, more hype. They weren't going to buy it. But now they feel we have an opportunity to be competitive in a given game. There is hope."

But there isn't much depth, especially on defense. As Peay approaches fall

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Brett Whitley is a take-charge defensive back, usually around the ball—or ball carrier.

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practice, he still is juggling personnel and patching holes.

"This is a pivotal year for us," says Peay. "People are asking, 'Was the success short-lived?' They're wondering if we were a flash in the pan or if it was a hint of good things for the future. If we are to make inroads in recruiting, we must show improvement."

To improve, the Wildcats need big seasons from Greenfield, wide receiver George Jones, tailback Stanley Davenport and fullback Ron Burton. All are seniors.

"A lot will depend on how much pressure defenses try to put on Greenfield," Peay says. "The burden may fall on our running game and wide receivers. That's why it is so important to get greater punch from our running backs and more consistency from our wide receivers. I feel we can be more productive than last year."

Peay hopes Jones will develop into a big-play threat. Last year, he caught 17 passes for 259 yards. And Davenport, Burton and junior college transfer Byron Sanders, the spring game's MVP, must correct another Northwestern shortcoming of past years: failure to gain the tough yardage inside the 20.

An experienced line returns almost intact with only one '86 starter missing. All of the returnees are seniors.

"They must keep pressure off Greenfield," Peay says. "He helped them last year. Now they must help him. We won't be sneaking up on anyone."

Greenfield, who has started 27 consecutive games, ranks No. 2 on the Wildcats' all-time passing and total-offense lists. Last fall, he passed for 1,653 yards and rushed for 418.

Tom Kaukialo: wildest Wildcat with 110 tackles.



"Just when I think Mike can't improve much more, he does," Peay says. "He has added some fine points to his ability to throw the ball. His touch has greatly improved. This spring, I was really impressed with his touch throwing deep, especially on out-cut patterns. He makes us go."

Peay hopes Davenport will be healthy. Last year, he suffered a knee injury in the spring game and had a severe illness during the summer. But he recovered and emerged as Northwestern's top ground-gainer with 703 yards and six touchdowns despite starting only five games. He rushed for a career-high 155 yards, including an 89-yard touchdown run, against Iowa.

Burton, son of former Northwestern All-America halfback Ron Burton, who starred during the Ara Parseghian glory years at Northwestern in the late 1950s, also has recovered from an injury-riddled season in 1986 in which he contributed 248 yards and averaged 4.2 yards per carry.

Peay is counting on senior Bob Driscoll (6-4, 235) to replace honorable mention All-American Rich Borresen at tight end. "Driscoll is every bit as good as Borresen was," the coach says. Junior Randy McClellan should fill a need at flanker, but look for highly regarded freshman recruit Pat New to get some playing time.

The offensive line will feature senior tackles Mike Baum (6-5, 260), who has started 14 consecutive games and is an Academic All-American, and Kevin Smith (6-5, 270); guards Steve Hofmann (6-4, 265), a fifth-year senior who has started 33 games in a row, and senior Jeff Stainton (6-4, 260), a converted tackle; and senior center Tom Nicklas (6-5, 270), a converted guard.

Backups? Peay is confident senior quarterback Greg Bradshaw can give a good account of himself. Others who figure to get some playing time include junior running backs Greg Schultz, JC transfer Randy Rowe and junior Curtis Spears; wide receivers Bill Flesher, a senior, and junior Marcus Lang; tackles Dirk Disper (6-4, 240), a senior, JC transfer Bret Dirks (6-6, 250) and junior Derrill Vest (6-5, 280); and senior center Jeff Freeman (6-2, 235).

On defense, Peay appears to have settled on senior roverback Rich Myers, who started 10 games last fall; senior cornerback Brett Whitley, who has intercepted eight passes in the last two years; sophomore end Bob Jamssek (6-7, 245), the lone member of the freshman class to see action in 1986; and senior inside linebackers Alan Brown (6-2, 230) and Tom Kaukialo (6-2, 225), who was the team leader with 110 tackles (69 solo) last year.

The other spots? "With our weakness up-front, we've got to employ a multiple defensive system, use some coverage variations," Peay says.

The defensive line has more question marks

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Stanley Davenport was the No. 1 Wildcat in rushing yardage, TDs and longest run (89 yards). →



Minnesota Coach John Gutekunst was making his way to the stadium press box to get a television camera's view of his team's spring game when he bumped into former Gopher Coach Murray Warmath.

"I know what your concerns are and I think you are right," Warmath said. Concerns? That's putting it mildly.

Gutekunst plans to open against Northern Iowa on Sept. 12 with one offensive tackle who is a redshirt sophomore without a down of experience and another who was a backup with a sprained knee last year and missed spring drills because he is a fifth-year player.

"I'm an old-school coach," Gutekunst said. "I'm very concerned about our offensive tackles. They may not be the glamour positions but they give you a base. If you don't have Big Ten tackles on offense, you must finesse people too much. You don't win in the Big Ten without good offensive tackles."

"Can we get better even though we have to replace so many people, or will we slip down the ladder? . . . Yes, we have a chance to move up."

But Warmath was comforting.

"Remember," he told Gutekunst, "Minnesota always produces tackles. After seven or eight days (of practice) in the fall, these kids who maybe didn't come as far as you thought in the spring will all of a sudden begin to blossom."

As Gutekunst prepares for his second season, he is encouraged by a defense that shows promise despite the loss of nine starters but is desperate to rebuild an offensive line that must protect four-year quarterback Rickey Foggie and sophomore tailback Darrell Thompson, who was the Big Ten rushing leader last year.

Minnesota made significant strides in 1986. Despite a 63-0 loss to Oklahoma in the second game, the Gophers went 6-6 (5-3 in the Big Ten) and earned an invitation to the Liberty Bowl.

Fourteen starters on that team finished.

"Can we get better even though we have to replace so many people, or will we slip down the ladder?" Gutekunst asks. "Yes, we have a chance to move up, to be just as good as last year, if not better."

Minnesota needs more consistency on offense. Last year, the Gophers ranked No. 1 in the Big Ten in rushing (Thompson gained 1,240 yards, a 5.7 average, and was singled out as the best freshman running back in the nation) but were No. 10 in passing.

The keys, Gutekunst says, are offensive tackles Dan Liimata (6-5, 274) and Dan Rechtin (6-7, 273), and flanker Gary Couch.

"I'm worried about our tackles," Thompson admits. "You can't run when you don't get blocking in the Big Ten."

"The shame of it is that three of the four tackles who are gone hadn't been redshirted," Gutekunst says. "They could have come back. In the offensive line, very rarely does a tackle play without being redshirted."

Gutekunst is crossing his fingers that redshirt sophomore Liimata and fifth-year-senior Rechtin or junior Shawn Schultz (6-5, 272) and redshirt freshman John Selvestra (6-7, 268) will patch the holes in the line. And he hopes that Couch, a senior, will take pressure off Foggie and Thompson by providing a big-play threat.

"We must have a big-play guy to keep people from overloading the line of scrimmage. Couch can give it to us. He has run 40 yards in 4.38 seconds. He had a bad year in 1986 (11 catches for 218 yards, no touchdowns). Two years ago, he averaged 35 yards per catch (14 for 494 yards, one TD). But last year, he dropped a number of passes and we lost confidence in him."

To carry the burden until the questions are answered, the Gophers will rely on four All-Big Ten candidates: Foggie, Thompson, Troy Wolkow and Chip Lohmiller.

Foggie, Minnesota's total offense leader for three successive years, will enter his senior season already holding the school's total offense record with 5,118 yards.

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Will Darrell Thompson, Big Ten rushing leader as a freshman, improve on that this season?

(Minnesota continued)

Last year, he rushed for 349 yards and passed for 1,265. But how well has he recovered from recurrent stress fractures in his legs?

"Rickey was healthier this spring than he was as a freshman," Gutekunst says. "Last year was the first time he made it through every game. He's more of an artist than an engineer. We know he can make great plays. And that's what we need—more big plays."

Move over Paul Giel, Bob McNamara, Marion Barber, Billy Bye and other Minnesota ball-carrying greats of yesteryear. If Thompson isn't injured, he will surpass all of them in Gopher legend. He was an All-Big Ten choice as a freshman.

"When the Minnesota Vikings selected Penn State's D.J. Dozier in the first round of the NFL draft," Gutekunst says, "someone said he became the second best running back in the city—behind Darrell."

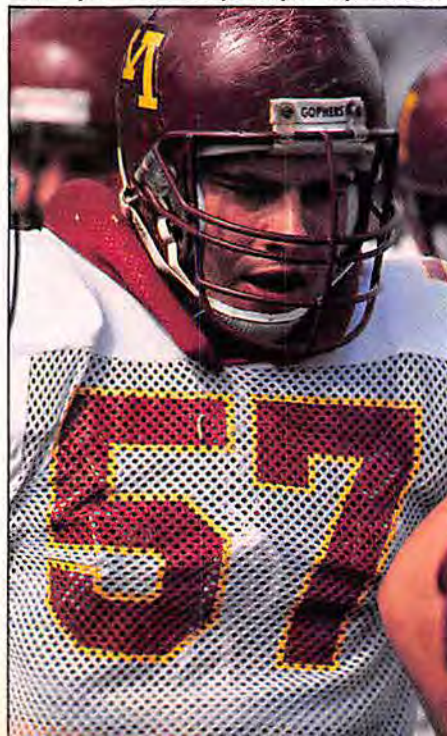
NFL scouts predict offensive guard Wolkow (6-4, 268) will be among the first offensive linemen selected in the 1988 draft. He was a second-team All-Big Ten pick last year.

"Troy is as fine an interior lineman as I've ever been around," Gutekunst says.

And the fourth all-star candidate is senior kicking specialist Lohmiller. He converted 13 of 18 field-goal attempts last year and 20 of 21 extra points. He set a school record with

a 62-yard field goal against Iowa and tied a school mark with four field goals against Indiana. He beat Indiana (19-17) with a 21-yarder with two seconds to play and stunned second-ranked Michigan (20-17) in Ann Arbor

Scouts predict an NFL future for Troy Wolkow.



with a 30-yarder on the last play of the game.

In the spring game, Lohmiller showed he hasn't lost his touch. He kicked five field goals, the longest from 47 yards.

Thompson, a hometown product whom Gutekunst wooed away from Nebraska and Iowa, is excited about the program's future. And he can't say enough about Gutekunst, a man he describes as "more to the point" and "laid-back" and "understandable" and "not a typical coach" and "not a tyrant, a guy who makes a lot of sense, someone who is easy to communicate with."

From the opener, in which Thompson rushed for 205 yards and four touchdowns against Bowling Green, to Game 4, when Purdue linebacker Fred Strickland said, "Welcome to the Big Ten" and gashed his chin, to the Gophers' upset of Michigan in Game 10, Darrell personally revived the program.

Former Wisconsin Coach John Jardine compared Thompson to former UCLA and Detroit Lions star Mel Farr. Some predict a Heisman Trophy in 1988. Others called Thompson "another Lorenzo White," comparing him to the Michigan State star who figures to be a Heisman Trophy nominee this year.

"I didn't think things would happen so quickly," says Thompson, who signed autographs for 45 minutes before the spring game. "I didn't think I'd play so much and gain so much yardage. In college, everybody is bigger and faster. Everything happens so much faster."

Can he encore in 1987?

"I hope our offensive line is ready," says Thompson. "I feel good about the team. There's a better attitude, more speed, a different era. The people who were recruited aren't looking for a shortcut."

Gutekunst thinks so much of his incoming freshman class, which ranked among the top 20 in the nation, that he is counting on some of them—maybe Carlton Burt (5-11, 175), Eric Cherry (5-10, 178), Frank Jackson (6-2, 180) and James King (5-10, 185) in the secondary—to make contributions this fall. Another player to watch is linebacker Kraig Hackbarth (6-4, 220).

For the time being, however, the Gophers must be content with the players who earned starting spots during spring workouts.

The offensive line includes Rechlin and Limata at tackle, Wolkow and senior Paul Anderson (6-3, 264) at guard and junior Brian Williams (6-5, 295) at center. Anderson is the strongest player on the roster. Williams, son of former Notre Dame quarterback Bob Williams, was a backup guard last year.

Foggie will throw to Thompson, Couch, junior split end Jason Bruce and junior tight end Craig Otto (6-3, 219). Gutekunst hopes junior fullback Roselle Richardson (6-2, 238), the biggest punt returner in the country, will take the pressure off Thompson. "He has a chance

to make a name for himself," Gutekunst says.

Punting? Gutekunst was disappointed with Brent Herbel's hang time last season. Herbel ranked next-to-last in the conference despite averaging 40.5 yards per punt. But the sophomore kicked well in the spring.

On defense, Gutekunst hopes senior tackle Gary Hadd (6-5, 262) and junior Ross Ukkelberg (6-5, 260) will continue to flash the promise they demonstrated in the spring. Ukkelberg was tapped as the team's most improved player. They're backed up by junior Trint Trip (6-5, 284) and redshirt freshman Mike Sunvold (6-5, 246).

Senior Doug Mueller (6-4, 242) returns at nose tackle. Backups are senior Steve Rhodus (6-2, 241) and freshman redshirt Brian Kielbasa (6-3, 259), who was very impressive in the spring until he pulled a hamstring.

Gutekunst predicts sophomore inside linebacker Jon Leverenz (6-2, 218) has all-conference potential if he stays healthy. But he isn't sure if junior Terry Hrycak (6-2, 228) or sophomore Mac Stephens (6-3, 209) will start at the other inside position.

Stephens was moved from the outside because he had trouble handling tight ends. But he was so impressive in spring drills that teammates hung a Mac the Knife nickname on him.

Outside linebackers are senior Brian Bonner (6-2, 221), who played fullback at Wisconsin before transferring, and sophomore Ron Goetz (6-3, 227), who lettered at fullback last season.

Gutekunst calls Leverenz and Goetz his catalysts on defense but concedes he was worried about outside linebacking until last spring. "I was concerned going into the spring but not coming out," he says.

The coach says junior Charles McCree, a former Player of the Year in Illinois, is coming into his own at cornerback. And he has shifted sophomore Carlos McGee from wide receiver to fill the other cornerback spot. Backups are junior Joel Brown and walk-on sophomore Craig Welter, a straight-A engineering student.

Junior Warren Berry will open at free safety with senior Marcus McIntosh backing him up. Senior David Williams is battling junior college transfer Doug Evans at strong safety. Evans, from Hutchinson (Kan.) Community College, is Minnesota's only JC recruit.

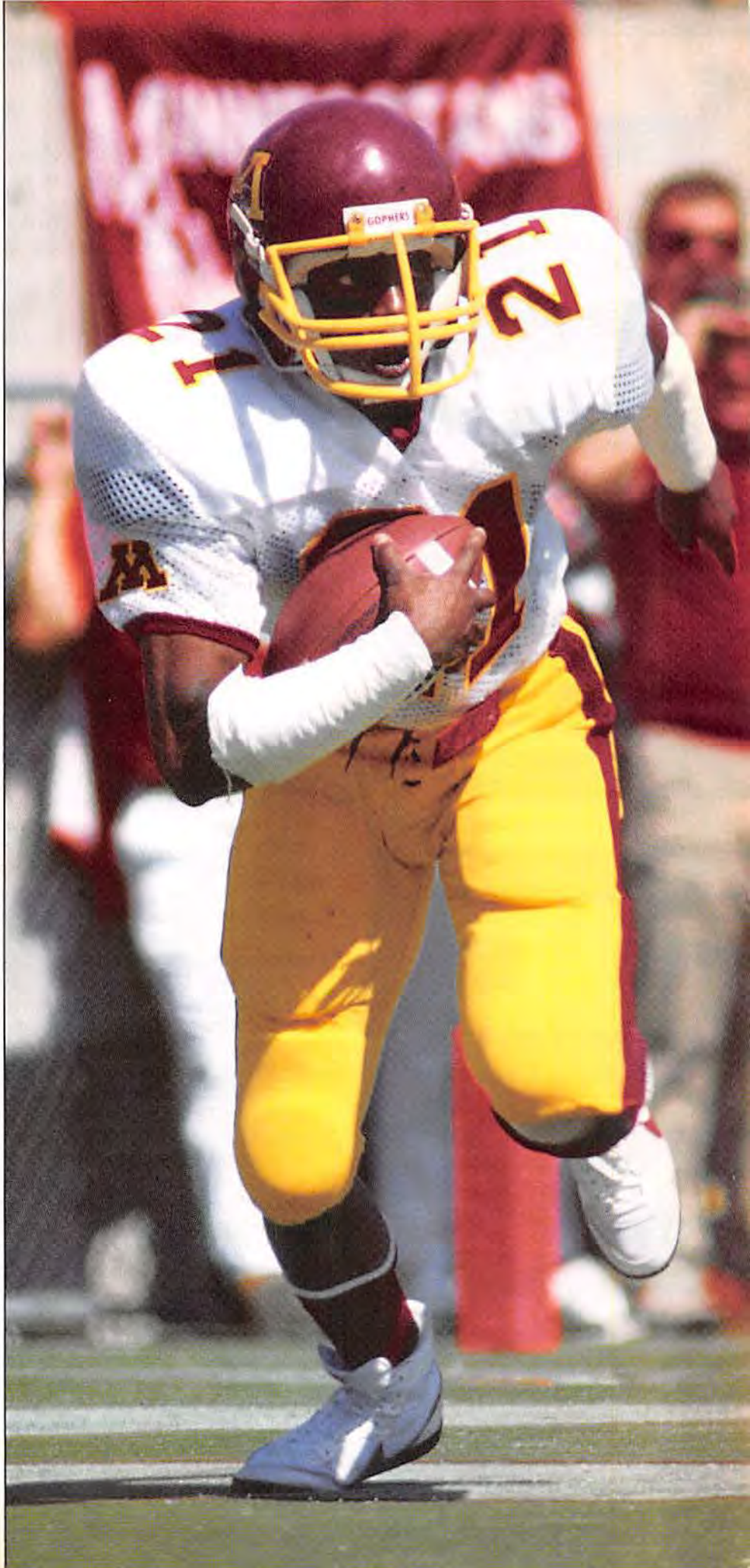
"The secondary was adequate in the spring," Gutekunst says, "but we're not talented enough there yet. Fortunately, we recruited well at those positions."

At places like Minnesota, that is always the big concern: Can enough good players be recruited to ensure improvement?

"When you look at the demographics and population centers, Ohio and Michigan, you can understand our problem," says Gutekunst. "I always wonder if we can maintain our level of excellence. Iowa is up now. But they were down. Now we're wondering if we can get better."

END

Flanker Gary Couch would like to see the Gophers go to the air more often.



THE TALENTED MAN COULD NOT BE TAMED

It's understandable if Cincinnati quarterback Danny McCoin occasionally is tempted to pinch himself to see if he's dreaming. In his senior year in high school, McCoin was a small-town kid from Livingston, Tenn., population 3,504, being pointedly ignored by the army of recruiters who annually beat a path to the doors of the blue-chip athletes. McCoin was little known, little wanted and greatly unsophisticated.

"When I arrived at Cincinnati, we started reading defenses and audibilizing and stuff like that," McCoin says. "I had no clue what was going on. When they talked about reading defenses, I was stumped. I didn't know what that meant."

Pinch.

"And now I can walk out onto the field and just glance down and in a split second tell what defense it is."

Pinch again.

"That's just one thing. It gets better as it goes. In high school, we never had to change a play. I've learned what situations to stay in and what to stay out of."

"When they talked about reading defenses, I was stumped. . . . And now I can walk out onto the field and just glance down and in a split second tell what defense it is."

McCoin has grown, not only in knowledge, but also in poise and strength and skill. If the nation's college football fans don't know that much about him—that happens, sometimes, when you play for a middle-tier independent school that plays its share of big-time opponents but is not itself in the national media spotlight—the professional scouts surely do. McCoin goes into the 1987 season considered by many scouts to be the top senior quarterback in the nation.

Last season McCoin completed 237 of 369 passes for 2,831 yards and 13 touchdowns. His passing yardage was the second best in school history. The 237 completions broke the school record of 219 set by Greg Cook in 1968.

McCoin's career statistics are 386 completions in 631 attempts for 4,788 yards and 26 touchdowns. He has been intercepted only 18 times. Among returning senior quarterbacks, he is second only to Florida's Kerwin Bell in career passing efficiency. He set three other school passing records last season (season attempts, season percentage and career completions) and could break a half dozen in '87.

Turning out quarterbacks for the pros is old hat to Coach Dave Currey, who is in his fourth year at Cincinnati. Previously, he spent seven years as coach at Long Beach State and seven at Stanford as backfield coach, offensive coordinator and recruiter. Jim Plunkett (Los Angeles Raiders) and Turk Schonert (Atlanta) are among his proteges now in the NFL.

Ironically, Currey points to a lower leg injury that McCoin suffered against Alabama during the 1985 season as a factor in his improvement. McCoin missed the next two games and was hobbled the remainder of the season. But he returned in 1986 stronger than ever.

"Coming off that injury was a positive aspect of McCoin's growth," Currey says. "A lot of players get hurt and it affects their nerve. Seeing him overcome that and get back into the groove was reassuring. He's now an experienced quarterback. He knows how to cope with injury and play the game."

What makes McCoin loom larger than life in the eyes of the pro scouts? Currey has some answers.

"He knows and understands what the job is now," Currey says. "The number of at bats has helped him become a better hitter, so to speak. Even his shortcomings have helped him to learn the offense and how the defense reacts to it."

What McCoin has learned in particular is coolness under fire.

"You've got to keep your cool and be consistent," McCoin says. "You can't try to force anything. And when things go wrong—and they will sometimes—you've just got to learn to live with it and go on to the next play."

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Wolverines In Chorus: 'California, Here We Come'



by Jerry McCain
Publisher

Seems like old times in the Big Ten. It wasn't so long ago that the conference was so thoroughly dominated by Ohio State and Michigan that it was sardonically referred to as the Big Two. In the '80s, however, the league was better balanced; three times during the decade, the Buckeye/Wolverine Rose Bowl party has been crashed, twice by Iowa, once by Illinois.

That won't happen this year. In 1987, Michigan and Ohio State will clearly be the class of the league. Their meeting on Nov. 21, as it so often has, will decide the conference's Rose Bowl entry. This year, the game is at Ann Arbor and Michigan will win.

If the game were played at Columbus, the nod could go to Ohio State. It should be that close.

But the Wolverines will have one small advantage: 5-7 Jamie Morris. The diminutive tailback, a possible Heisman Trophy candidate, rushed for 1,039 yards in the regular season and led the Big Ten in all-purpose running. And he saved his best game for Ohio State, a brilliant 210-yard performance in Michigan's 26-24 victory.

Fortunately for Coach Bo Schembechler, Morris has some big friends in the offensive line. With 306-pound All-America tackle John Elliott, center John Vitale and two other starters back to open gaping holes, Michigan's ground game could be impressive.

And Schembechler needs a strong running game, since he lost the conference's top passer and total-offense leader, Jim Harbaugh.

Schembechler also has to plug a few holes on defense, but seven starters are back from the unit that finished second in the Big Ten last year. The major vacancies are in the secondary, where three starters departed. However, the defensive line returns experience, led by all-conference tackle Mark Messner, who led the team in sacks, and nose guard Billy Harris.

Ohio State will be second, breathing down

the Wolverines' necks. On paper, at least, the Buckeyes appear to have more returning talent than Michigan, with which they shared the Big Ten title last year. Fifteen starters are back; seven on offense, eight on defense.

The Buckeyes have an impressive array of offensive weapons, beginning with All-Everything wide receiver Cris Carter (65 catches, 1,066 yards, 11 TDs). The running game is also on solid footing with tailback Vince Workman (985 yards) and fullback George Cooper.

The defense, spearheaded by linebacker Chris Spielman, could be even more formidable than the offense. A top candidate for the Lombardi Trophy, Spielman led the conference with 194 tackles. That's bad enough news for

1. Michigan
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6. Illinois
7. Minnesota
8. Northwestern
9. Wisconsin
10. Purdue

Michigan won't relinquish hold on the title.



opponents, but the defense also boasts another excellent linebacker, Eric Kumerow, who plays on the outside, plus a secondary featuring cornerbacks Greg Rogan and William White, and safety David Brown. That trio combined for 11 interceptions. With so much experience returning, the Buckeyes could again lead the Big Ten in scoring defense.

Defense is also the watchword at Iowa; Hayden Fry's teams have led the conference in that category four of the last five years. Unfortunately, that is also where the Hawkeyes must do most of their rebuilding. Only five starters return from last year, and the defensive front, which gave Iowa the Big Ten's stingiest defense against the run, was nearly wiped out.

The returnees, however, are quality and include two of the team's top three tacklers. Dave Haight will anchor the line, and Brad Quast, with 95 tackles, established himself as one of the best freshman linebackers in the nation last year.

On the other side of the ball, seven starters are back. Fry must find some reinforcements in the offensive line, but all-conference guard Bob Kratch and tight end Mike Flagg are two good ones to build around. Running back will,

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It's Not How Far Ahead You Are, It's How Many More You Score



In modern football, high-scoring games are frequent despite finger-pointing.

by Bill McGrotha

What we have here is a game that two years running now has blown its own scoring records off the boards; a game in which a 31-point halftime lead is not enough; a game that sees a team, three touchdowns down in the last three and a half minutes, win 46-45.

"To tell you the truth, I don't know if there is such a thing as a safe lead anymore," says Florida Coach Galen Hall.

On Miami's home field in 1984, Maryland won 42-40 after trailing 31-0. In the Holiday Bowl of 1980, Brigham Young, behind 45-25, scored 21 points in less than four minutes and won 46-45.

"Passing, obviously, has made a great difference," says LaVell Edwards, whose Brigham Young teams have perhaps best translated that difference into a high-scoring advantage.

"Coaches are studying the throwing game more, spending far more practice time on it," says Hall. "You've got to be able to throw to stay in the game."

Last year the 105 teams in college football's Division I-A averaged a record 45.4 points per game for both teams. Out the window went the 44.7 standard set in 1985.

The root of all this goes back far more than two years ago, however. Runaway scores are grounded in a rules change of over 20 years ago, and considerably more than refined passing is reflected in the sum of reasons for the trend.

Teams like Oklahoma and Nebraska run for their high numbers. Others mix running and passing much better than they once did.

Edwards points to a change in the blocking rules that makes it easier to protect the passer.

"The change did not have any effect on teams like us that spend a lot of time on pass protection anyhow," says Edwards. "It had a bigger impact on teams that run."

"The techniques of run and pass blocking are so different. There was a time when to be proficient at either, you had to spend the bulk of your practice time on one or the other. But the rules change allowing players to use their open hands makes it easier for the running team to pass-block. Now that running team can have more of a dropback passing game."

Greater field-goal proficiency (widening the goal posts helped) also has steadily nudged scoring higher.

Consider that in 1958 a total of 103 field goals was kicked in college play, and that two seasons ago there were 1,279.

"Everything is more wide open now on offense than in the past," says Jimmy Johnson, whose Miami team has challenged for the national championship two straight years. "The varied offenses—that's the big thing. Here in Miami, we are recognized as a throwing team, but still we run often and effectively."

The range of varied offenses—wishbone, I-formation, wing T, dropback passing and run-option passing—magnifies defensive problems, leading to more scoring.

"It is not like the pro game, where you defend one style of offense," says Johnson.

He suggests that playing a wishbone team one week and a pro-type offense the next reduces the opportunity for any defense to become as efficient as it might.

"The chances are much greater these days for a high-scoring game on either side of the ball," he says.

"If you are throwing well, it can be on your side. And if you're not throwing well, the opponent—with interceptions and all—may have the high-scoring game."

Johnson gears his chance-taking Miami defense for greater scoring opportunity.

"With a pressure style of defense like we play, I think you are able to force more turnovers," he says. "Statistics prove your chances of scoring after a turnover are nearly double due to the psychological lift, as opposed to the letdown."

But all of these thoughts on increased scoring are dwarfed by one fact, in the opinion of David Nelson, former Delaware coach and longtime (since 1961) secretary/editor of the NCAA Football Rules Committee.

"Actually, all of this started back in 1965," he says. "That was the year the free substitution rule went in."

Free substitution was introduced as long ago as 1941, but in World War II coaches were more concerned with finding enough talent to form a team than exploiting the new rule. They began to use offensive and defensive units, and specialists after the war until 1953, when "platoonery" was thrown out. It returned in 1964. In that year unlimited substitution was permitted when the clock stopped. And in 1965 the game openly embraced two-platoon football.

A flow of figures over 50 years bears out Nelson.

In 1937, teams combined for an average of only 20.2 points per game. In 1964, the average was 30.1. Then came the big rules change, permitting unlimited substitution. Promptly, the average figure jumped to 33.3 in 1965.

In the fourth season of change, 1968, the averaged topped 40 for the first time. It has since stayed above 40 with the exception of 1979, when the figure was 39.9.

"No question in my mind, the free-substi-

tution move in 1965 was the most significant rule change since they put in the forward pass back in 1906," says Nelson.

The proliferation of points has raised the incidence of blowouts and instances when coaches are accused of running up the score.

Bobby Bowden, whose Florida State teams rank among the top scorers of the last 10 years, agrees with Hall. "With the high-scoring offenses of today, a team is never safe," he says. "Once when I coached West Virginia, we led Pitt 35-8 at the half. We tried to sit on the ball and we lost that game 36-35."

There have been times when Bowden has not felt comfortable after blowout victories.

"You have a plan for everything, but most of us don't really have a plan for the time when we are way ahead," he says. "It never even



Bobby Bowden can't tell subs not to score.

comes to my mind that the score is being run up until the game is over. Sometimes you might scratch your head later and say, 'What have we done?' Still, my theory, and that of other coaches, I think, is to substitute when you feel safe. But you want those subs to play as well as they can. After all the practice and hard work they put in, you don't tell them not to try hard, not to score.

"If people run up a score on me—well, I don't think anyone has ever heard me complain about it."

Edwards echoes Bowden's thoughts.

"I think a lot of times people are accused of running up the score when they are not," he says. "Running up a score, to me, is when you call a timeout with only seconds left and the game well in hand, and try to score again."

One year after Johnson's team lost that

31-0 lead to Maryland, the Miami coach was accused of running it up on Notre Dame 58-7 in a nationally televised game.

"You let your players play, and you want them to play to the fullest, regardless of the score on either side," says Johnson. "I don't ever want to see a player give half an effort. A game is 60 minutes long, and that is the way we like to play. I've had plenty of lopsided scores the other way, lining up against Oklahoma and Nebraska when I coached at Oklahoma State."

"The only responsibility a coach has in these situations is to make sure his second- and third-teamers play. Our last couple of touchdowns against Notre Dame that year were scored by guys not even on our travel squad."

Many years removed from the coaching arena, Nelson feels particularly strong about indictments for scoring.

"I may be a maverick about this, but I never believed there was such a thing as running up a score," he says. "Not with the ability these days to play so many people. You go to jail for asking people to shave points. But they're talking about holding down football scores."

"I always told my players that the score was their problem, not the other team's. Those players come back two to three weeks before other students to start practicing football. A lot of them, with all the practice time they put in, may get to play only two or three minutes. You just don't ask them not to score. Of course, if a coach keeps his top players in as the score mounts, he is foolish because of the risk of getting somebody hurt."

Many coaches, including Bowden and Johnson, feel defense contributes extensively to runaway games.

Statistics make the point, too. Oklahoma, for example, was the nation's highest-scoring team last season. The Sooners were also No. 1 in defense against scoring, as well as total defense. Miami was second in scoring and fourth in scoring defense, Auburn fourth in scoring and second in scoring defense, Nebraska third in scoring and seventh in scoring defense, Penn State 14th in scoring and third in scoring defense.

Dominant defense is lumped by Nelson with many reasons he considers somewhat peripheral: versatile offenses, turnover-producing tactics, more highly skilled athletes, greater field-goal efficiency, blocking-rule changes and sharper passing.

"You go right back to the free-substitution rule of 1965 for everything," Nelson says. "The field-goal thing, for instance. You not only bring in specialists to kick the ball, but specialists to hold, specialists to snap, even specialists to protect that kicker."

So the bottom line?

"It all began with that rule—that rule permitting you to play who you want, when you want and where you want."

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Big Ten Recruiting

by Taylor Bell

A consensus of the leading talent scouts in the nation, including Tom Lemming, Joe Terranova, Chris Wallace and Max Emfinger, reveals that not a single Big Ten school ranks among the Top 10 football recruiters for 1987.

That is in sharp contrast to last year, when Michigan, Iowa and Ohio State ranked in the top seven.

But the truth is the Big Ten did a better job of recruiting, from top to bottom, than ever before.

Sure, Michigan emerged as the leader. But Michigan, Ohio State and Iowa didn't dominate as in recent years when only a few leftovers remained for the other schools. In 1987, all Big Ten teams fared well in the recruiting market, and the difference between No. 1 and No. 10 was two or three blue chippers.

Nationally, the Big Ten didn't fare as well because Notre Dame, Nebraska, UCLA, Pittsburgh, Florida and Miami (Fla.) wooed several prospects away.

Of the 54 players named to *Parade* magazine's All-America team, only 10 chose Big Ten schools.

But the Big Ten powers filled their needs, and at least three traditional have-nots (Minnesota, Indiana and Northwestern) enjoyed banner recruiting seasons. In fact, Minnesota was ranked in the Top 20 in the nation.

"Nobody had a bad year," Lemming says, "but no one had a great year like Michigan and Iowa in 1986."

"There wasn't as much talent in the Midwest as there was in previous years, or like there will be this fall. A lot of talent chose non-Big Ten schools. On top of that, the Big Ten didn't recruit well outside the Midwest, in states like Florida, Georgia, California, New Jersey and Pennsylvania, where they usually are successful."

Here's a rundown on Big Ten recruiting:

MICHIGAN

Coach Bo Schembechler had only 20 scholarships to offer, but he made every one count. For openers, he signed three of the nation's top 15 quarterbacks: Wilbur Odom

(6-0, 185) of San Antonio (Tex.) Holmes, Eric Bush (6-3, 185) of Quincy, Ill., and Ken Sollom (6-2, 180) of Canyon Country, Calif.

They'll have one of the nation's best wide receivers to throw to: Top 100 choice Tripp Welborne (6-1, 188) of Greensboro (N.C.) Page.

The Wolverines also bolstered their line-backing corps with Erick Anderson (6-3, 205) of Glenview (Ill.) Glenbrook South, Brian Townsend (6-4, 220) of Cincinnati Northwest, Otis Williams (6-3, 215) of Canton (Ohio) Glen Oak and Cornelius Simpson (6-3, 215) of Highland Park, Mich. Tight end Dave Diebolt (6-4, 235) of Mayfield, Ohio, will shift to linebacker.

Michigan also signed two of the top 20 offensive linemen in the nation: Dean Dingman (6-3, 265) of East Troy, Wis., and Greg Skrepenak (6-8, 305) of Wilkes-Barre (Pa.) GAR Memorial. The offensive line also will get a boost from Matt Elliott (6-4, 255) of Carmel, Ind. Defensive lineman Alex Marshall (6-4, 235) of Redford (Mich.) Bishop Borgess will

Bo got a big boy: Greg Skrepenak (6-8, 305).



help shore up the defensive line, at least in '88.

While shaking up his staff, Schembechler also sought to beef up his passing game by signing wide receiver Dan Jokisch (6-7, 210) of Clarkston, Mich., brother of Wolverine pass catcher Paul Jokisch, and Kevin Owen (5-11, 185) of Pepper Pike (Ohio) Orange. Michigan coaches claim Owen is a sleeper with game-breaking speed.

MINNESOTA

Although Coach John Gutekunst lost his state's top player, defensive tackle Rob Phenix, to TCU, he signed the next seven, including defensive lineman Gary Isakson (6-4, 245) of Apple Valley, Minn. Best of all, the Gophers added badly needed speed and lured the No. 1 players in several states.

Headliners are quarterback Keswick Joiner (6-0, 170) of Moss Point, Miss., who passed for 2,039 yards last fall; defensive end Kraig Hackbarth (6-4, 220) of Fond Du Lac (Wis.) Goodrich, fullback Ricky Williams (6-3, 230) of Detroit (Mich.) Henry Ford, the Midwest's Defensive Player of the Year; quarterback Scott Schaffner (6-3, 190) of Cincinnati Moeller and running back Fred Foggie (6-1, 170) of Waterloo (S.C.) Laurens, cousin of Gopher quarterback Rickey Foggie.

Gutekunst dipped into Florida to pick up back Andre Thaddies (6-0, 180) of Delray Beach Atlantic (10.6 speed for 100 meters) and cornerback Everett Sesler (5-10, 180) of Brooksville Hernando, who has 10.7 speed. Another prize could be lineman Charles Collins (6-4, 260) of Chicago Mendel Catholic, of Chicago's tough Catholic League. Collins, who missed most of the season with injuries, was rated the No. 1 prospect in the Chicago area prior to the season.

ILLINOIS

Illinois Coach Mike White would have had a good recruiting year without a single high school signee. That's because he signed an outstanding class of 10 junior college transfers, including quarterback Scott Mohr (6-4, 225) of San Mateo (Calif.) JC, and wide receiver Mike

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Bellamy (6-2, 195) of College of DuPage (Ill.). Two others, defensive back Glenn Cobb (6-1, 195), of Pasadena (Calif.) JC and defensive end Greg Conrad (6-4, 230) of Laguna Beach (Calif.) JC also figure to play in 1987.

But White, after losing highly rated quarterbacks Bush to Michigan and Kent Graham to Notre Dame, acquired some high school blue chippers. He wooed wide receiver Augusto Palma (6-2, 190) of Brookhaven (N.Y.) Bellport away from Tennessee and tight end-linebacker Doug Amaya (6-3, 209) of Oak Park (Ill.) River Forest away from Purdue. He also landed two standouts from New Orleans, running back Kirk Davenport (5-11, 185) of Fortier High and linebacker Romero Brice (6-4, 215) of McDonogh.

Early commitments were obtained from nose tackle Jon Gustafsson (6-5, 260) of Illinois state champion Arlington Heights Buffalo Grove, and defensive lineman Mark Zitnik (6-3, 235) of Lockport, Ill., linebacker Bryan McGrone (6-3, 200) of Terre Haute (Ind.) South and wide receivers Elbert Turner (6-1, 160) of Gary (Ind.) Roosevelt and Linzy Collins (6-2, 165) of St. Louis Lutheran North.

"We wanted to add as much speed as possible, and we couldn't be happier with what we got," White says.

OHIO STATE

Limited to 19 scholarships, Coach Earle Bruce recruited quality if not quantity. He signed seven players who rank among the best: Top 100 running back Carlos Snow (5-9, 190) of Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education, who rushed for 2,499 yards last fall; Top 100 running back James Graham (5-10, 207) of Long Beach, N.Y., who gained 1,534 yards; Top 100 tight end Jeff Ellis (6-4, 225) of Louisville (Ky.) Male, tight end Jay Koch (6-3, 195) of Cincinnati Purcell Marian, offensive lineman Michael Shoaf (6-5, 290) of Orwell (Ohio) Grand Valley and defensive backs Tim Rutledge (6-0, 180) of Youngstown (Ohio) East and Vince Clark (6-2, 180) of Cincinnati Academy of Physical Education.

Bruce also predicts future stardom for wide receiver Jeff Graham (6-2, 185) of Kettering (Ohio) Alter, wide receiver Bernard Edwards (6-5, 185) of Ft. Myers (Fla.) Senior and running back John Spencer (6-0, 180) of St. Clairsville, Ohio, brother of former Buckeye star Tim Spencer.

INDIANA

If there was a good prospect in Indiana, Hoosier Coach Bill Mallory probably got him. He took advantage of Notre Dame's national recruiting, the coaching change at Purdue and Indiana's gleaming new facilities to sell recruits on his program's bright future.

Mallory signed Indiana's No. 1 running back, Vaughn Dunbar (6-0, 190) of Fort Wayne Snider, who rushed for 2,083 yards and scored

37 touchdowns in 1986. He also got Top 100 wide receiver Rob Turner (5-11, 175) of Indianapolis Chatard and beat Georgia and UCLA for Kentucky's top wide receiver, Eddie Thomas (5-11, 180) of Ft. Knox.

IOWA

Hawkeye Coach Hayden Fry spent much time in Texas, trying to take advantage of recruiting scandals in the Southwest Conference, but came back with only one prospect. He rebounded well, however, by signing the best running back in New Jersey, Leroy Smith (6-2, 210) of Sicklerville Edgewood Regional; one of the nation's best quarterbacks, Matt Rodgers (6-4, 195) of Walpole, Mass.; the Iowa Player of the Year, Top 100 offensive lineman Dave Turner (6-4, 245) of Clinton; a Parade All-America linebacker, John Derby (6-2, 225) of Oconomowoc, Wis.; one of Illinois' best players, wide receiver Brian Wise (6-2, 205) of Tinley Park; Top 100 running back Doug Scott (6-4, 230) of Iowa City West; and Iowa's No. 2 player, linebacker Matt Christensen (6-2, 220) of Des Moines Valley.

NORTHWESTERN

The last time Northwestern ranked this high, Ara Parseghian was coach. Coach Francis Peay did it by recruiting the Chicago area harder than ever before. Quarterback Mark Benson (6-4, 190) of Buffalo Grove, Ill., is the first Top 100 prospect signed by the Wildcats in recent memory.

Peay also outreached Michigan, UCLA, Illinois, Notre Dame, Minnesota and Purdue for in-state linemen Stan Holsen (6-8, 265) of Park Ridge Maine South, Darryl Ashmore (6-6, 250) of Peoria Central and John Broeker (6-5, 225) of Naperville Central. Peay also landed two talented Illinois quarterbacks: Mark Benson (6-4, 190) of Buffalo Grove and Dave Mitidiero (6-6, 225) of Lockport.

"We think we got our message across: Northwestern is serious about building a winning program," Peay says. "We sold them on our commitment to excellence on the field and in the classroom and, as we expected, there are enough student-athletes who are anxious to accept that challenge."

MICHIGAN STATE

Coach George Perles' strategy to recruit Michigan and Ohio met with limited success. Perles did land two of the top linebackers in the Midwest, Tony Briningstool (6-5, 219) of Northville, Mich., and Carlos Marino (6-4, 230) of Detroit Central, and four massive linemen: Robert Henry (6-6, 258) of Cudahy, Wis.; Jeff Wittig (6-8, 235) of Grand Rapids (Mich.) Forest Hills Central; James Johnson (6-6, 275) of Alto (Mich.) Lowell; and John Repasky (6-5, 265) of Youngstown (Ohio) Cardinal Mooney.

While the incoming talent among linemen and linebackers is most promising, Spartan

followers are hoping for bright futures for quarterback Mario Bongiorno (6-2, 185) of Burgettstown, Pa., and running back Hyland Hickson (5-10, 215) of Fort Lauderdale (Fla.) Dillard, who hails from the same school that produced Michigan State star Lorenzo White.

WISCONSIN

New Coach Don Morton got off to a slow start because of his late arrival, losing the state's No. 1 player, Hackbarth, to Minnesota and the state's No. 2 player, Dingman, to Michigan. But he recouped by signing blue chippers from Texas: quarterback Otis Flowers (5-11, 170) of Houston Waltrip, running back Rafael Robinson (5-11, 190) of Jefferson, quarterback Mark Mangum (5-11, 170) of Austin Westlake and defensive back John L. Williams (6-1, 200) of Houston Yates.

Flowers and Mangum have so much potential, Badger scouts claim, they could be fighting for a starting job as soon as they unpack in Madison. But the best athlete of the freshman crop could be quarterback Tony Lowery (6-4, 170) of Columbus (Ohio) Madison. Other promising newcomers are running back-linebacker Brendan Lynch (6-2, 210) of Hinsdale (Ill.) Central, tight end-linebacker John Fillard (6-7, 205) of Dearborn (Mich.) Divine Child, and linebacker Malvin Hunter (6-3, 210) of Harvey (Ill.) Thornton Township.

PURDUE

Don't be misled by the last-place standing. New Coach Fred Akers also got off to a late start. But he made a marvelous recovery by recruiting even better in Texas than Wisconsin did and regaining a foothold in the Chicago area that had been lost in the Leon Burnett regime.

With the graduation of All-America defensive back Rod Woodson, Akers is looking to patch holes in his secondary. He could get immediate help from three Texans: Tony Brown (5-11, 170) of Giddings, Jarrett Scales (5-11, 185) of Houston Kashmere and Reggie Broussard (6-1, 180) of Galveston Ball.

Akers also signed several good prospects from the Chicago area, including all-state lineman Jim Wormsley (6-4, 272) of Carpentersville Dundee-Crown. Others are Larry Sullivan (6-2, 180) of Bartlett Elgin, the No. 1 place-kicker in the Midwest who was coveted by Notre Dame; fullback-nose guard Andy Gasbarro (6-0, 225) of Olympian Fields Marion Catholic; tight end Brian Treski (6-4, 235) of Countryside Lyons Township; and lineman Randy Taylor (6-6, 265) of Lansing Thornton Fractional South.

Indiana outreached Purdue for nearly every outstanding in-state prospect except Top 100 linebacker Chris Drossos (6-3, 225) of Carmel, who has 4.5 speed. Drossos was a coup. Earlier, he was considering Illinois, Alabama, Texas A&M and Arizona State.

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NORTHERN ILLINOIS

In college football, the Northern Illinois Huskies would like to be what the Miami Hurricanes are: a Division I-A independent power.

So last season the Huskies tried the Hurricanes on for size. Miami was ranked No. 1 and hurtling toward its Sunkist Fiesta Bowl showdown with Penn State for the national title. In a 34-0 defeat, the 1986 Huskies became the first Northern Illinois team to meet a top-ranked team in football.

The Huskies set other standards in courage in 1986.

- They were the first Northern Illinois team to play two Top-20 teams in a season (Miami and Iowa).
- They were the first to play against a Heisman Trophy winner: Miami's Vinny Testaverde.
- They were the first to play against three first-team All-Americans at one school (Testaverde and teammates Jerome Brown and Bennie Blades) and the first to face three major bowl teams (Miami of Florida, Iowa and Miami of Ohio).

The Huskies played before 314,457 fans at home and away, and played a schedule that the NCAA rated at the beginning of the season as the 14th most demanding in the country.

"So we took a pounding in the first half of the season, and it had a great effect on us after that," Coach Jerry Pettibone says.

In their second season under Pettibone, the Huskies lost their first eight games. But in No. 9, at Bowling Green, they upset the Mid-American Conference runner-up 16-8, then beat Eastern Michigan 21-14 before losing 34-26 in their final game at Ohio University to finish 2-9.

The climb to the top level of college football is a perilous hike, dreamed of and plotted by many, successfully completed by few. Under Pettibone, the Huskies still intend to try to get there.

"We're through that now," Pettibone says of the monstrous schedule. "We've got a much more realistic schedule for the next two years. We can line up against people at the same stage of development that we are. We've got an opportunity to win some games and be competitive."

The Huskies had intended to play Miami, Fla., on Sept. 12 at Soldier Field in Chicago. But Miami replaced Northern Illinois with Arkansas for dates in 1990 and 1992.

By then, Pettibone hopes, the Huskies will be much better prepared for big-time experience. But the dream still lives.

There are, Pettibone admits, giant steps to be made and large hurdles to overcome, including the idea, left from Northern Illinois' days in the Mid-American Conference, that it is a school forever destined to be in the lower echelon of Division I-A.

Northern Illinois enjoyed its best season in two decades in 1983 when it won the MAC championship and beat Fullerton State 20-13 in the California Bowl under Bill Mallory. Mallory then left for Indiana and was succeeded by Lee Corso, who departed for the United States Football League after eight months. Pettibone, an assistant to Jackie Sherrill, Tom Osborne, Barry Switzer, Hayden Fry, Chuck Fairbanks and Jim McKenzie in 20 seasons at Texas

A&M, Nebraska, Oklahoma and SMU, signed on at the end of the 1984 season.

The rapid turnover presented problems.

"The first one was a real lack of continuity," Pettibone says. "The players had gone from one philosophy to another one to my philosophy in a little over a year. When you have drastic changes that rapidly, it's going to take a little more time than usual to put a good foundation under the players and make them feel good about the coaches, or even to get them to the point that they trust you. Because they're wondering, 'Is this guy going to be here for a year or two and leave, or is he here because he wants to be?'"

Pettibone, 48, thinks he has answered that question, and others.

"After next season, we'll have gone through four full recruiting cycles," he says. "Our players believe in what we're doing. They understand us and they trust us."

Strength is starting to come in numbers. Of Northern Illinois' top 60 players in 1986, 50 return. Nine starters are back on offense and seven on defense.

On offense, they include quarterback Marshall Taylor, halfback Rodney Taylor and fullback Antonio Davis, all juniors. In Pettibone's wishbone formation, they combined to rush 419 times for 1,622 yards, scoring 14 touchdowns. Over the last five games, Northern Illinois averaged 361 yards in total offense, a sign that the Huskies were settling into the wishbone.

In Northern Illinois' 35-20 loss at Wisconsin, Rodney Taylor rushed for 140 yards, the most ever by a Huskie against a Big Ten opponent. Taylor, who also returns punts and kickoffs, finished with 1,272 all-purpose yards.

Not since Carl Fisher in 1977 had a Northern Illinois fullback rushed for more than Davis' 648 yards, which included a 70-yard touchdown run

Rodney Taylor gives the Huskies breakaway skill.



against Ohio. Marshall Taylor, who scored seven touchdowns, had 1,419 yards in total offense.

The Huskies had the advantage of running behind 294-pound offensive guard Todd Peat, who was named to the third team of the Associated Press All-America team, as high an honor as a Northern Illinois player has ever received. The Huskies must replace both him and right tackle Dave Gust.

Senior Ted Karamanos (6-2, 260) or redshirt sophomore Dan Smaha (6-5, 262) will succeed Peat; senior Joe Spillane (6-6, 231) or sophomore Greg Heidel (6-3, 244) are possibilities to replace Gust.

Sophomore Bob Montel (6-2, 240) and freshman Scott Elliot (6-5, 244) will get a look at left tackle. Senior Dan Graham (6-3, 246) is the leading candidate at center. Freshman Eric Fiene (6-3, 226) could fill the left guard spot.

Senior starters Virgil Gerin, split end, and tight end Kent Iwema (6-1, 204) return. Senior Keith Hurley and junior Drake Shead share starts at right halfback.

Senior linebacker Tony Savegnago (6-1, 216) heads the newly installed 4-4 defense. Savegnago was in on 99 tackles last season to lead the defensive unit. Senior Mike Hollingshed, who accounted for 94 tackles or assists, intercepted one pass and deflected 10, moves from strong safety to free safety. "He'll be a real leader for us in the secondary," Pettibone predicts.

Other returning starters on defense are tackle Reggie Harris (6-3, 263), a senior; junior Mike Manson (6-2, 200), who was switched from cornerback to outside linebacker in Pettibone's new defensive scheme; and sophomore cornerback Rufus Taylor.

Other returnees include sophomore tackle Ted Hennings (6-2, 233); linebackers William Ballard (6-0, 192), a senior who was moved from strong safety; junior Mike Higgins (6-1, 202); and junior cornerback Randall Townsel. At left end, senior Kevin Frazier (6-1, 223) and sophomore Gerry Whirley (6-3, 200) are prospects. Junior Phil Foley (6-2, 218) or redshirt freshman Cary Caliendo (6-2, 224) will be on the right side. Pettibone also signed 26 high school seniors to grants-in-aid.

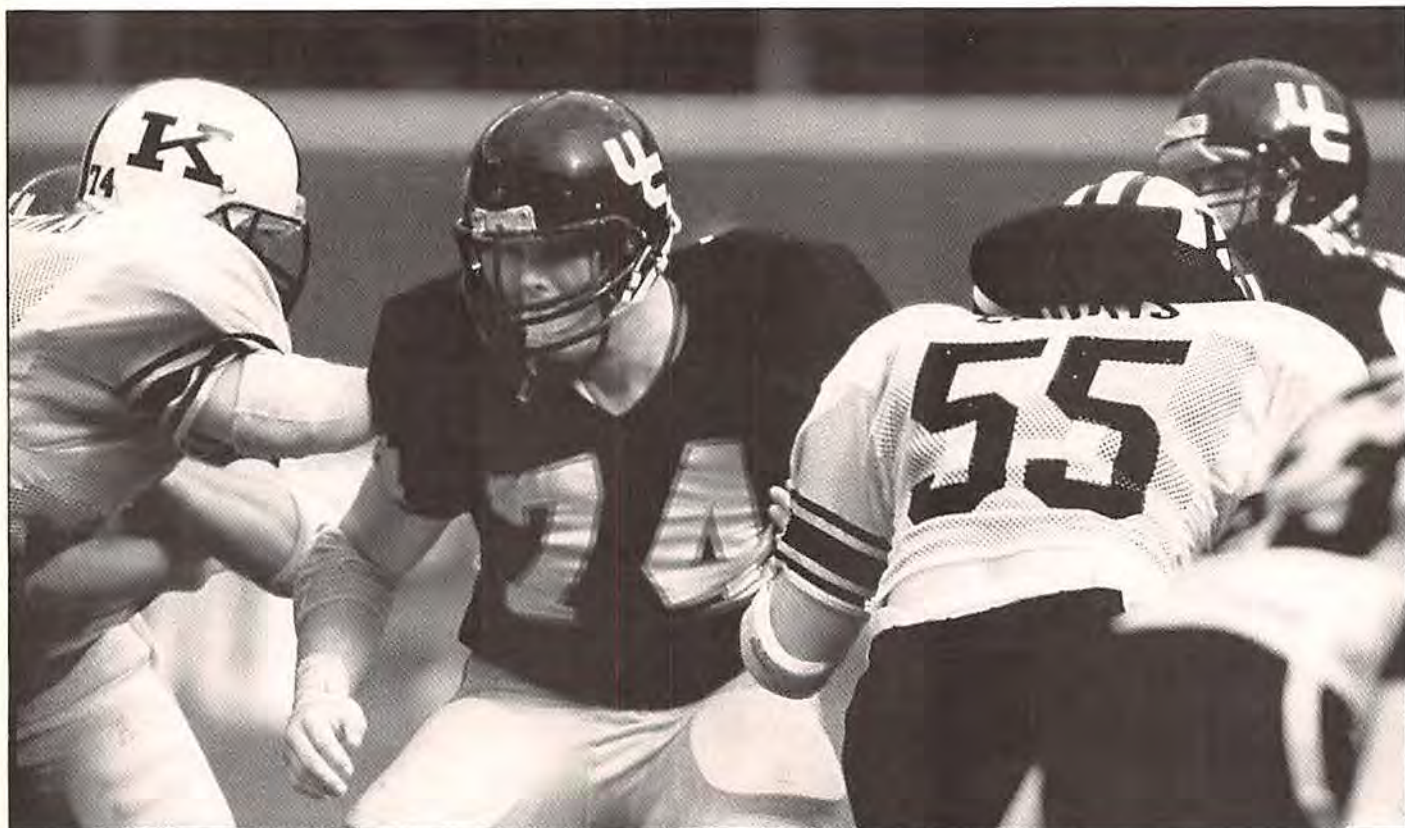
"I don't know how you rank them—not until you're three or four years down the road—but we put two excellent recruiting classes back to back," Pettibone says. Northern Illinois stuck close to home in recruiting, signing only defensive back John Hesse of Iowa City from outside the Illinois-Wisconsin axis. That's the recruiting base Pettibone hopes to use as the Huskies strive to move up the ladder. It is an ambitious undertaking, not unlike what former Notre Dame Coach Gerry Faust is attempting at Akron.

Are the fans ready for a leap?

"Yes they are," says Pettibone. "When Northern Illinois won the MAC and went to the California Bowl, we averaged 28,000 to 30,000 in attendance. The students were enthusiastically behind the team."

"So it's happened here before. We've just got to make it happen consistently. The fans need to be convinced."

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Center Pat Lavelle anchors the Bearcats' offensive front that must be reconstructed.

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Currey inherited McCoy when Vanderbilt Coach Watson Brown left Cincinnati after one season to coach at Rice. Brown had recruited McCoy with a call upon taking the Cincinnati job in 1983. As it turned out, McCoy was the kind of prospect Currey could appreciate.

"One of the fun things about coaching the last 17 years has been the development of the quarterbacks who were little known or little recruited," Currey says. "Todd Dillon led the nation in total offense at Long Beach, and the year before he was a junior college kid in Stockton, Cal., that nobody wanted. I really think our offense allows a quarterback like Dan to show his ability. We have to have a pro prospect at that position, or we can't do the things we have to do. To play the schedule we play, we must have an equalizer. And the pass has been the great equalizer over the years."

As usual, Cincinnati had a tough schedule last year, as it will in '87.

The Bearcats were 5-4 before losing their last two games at Auburn 52-7 and East Carolina 32-19. Earlier, they had taken on Penn State and Miami of Florida on consecutive Saturdays, carrying the eventual national champion Nittany Lions to the limit before losing 23-17. McCoy completed 25 of 38 passes for 254 yards against Penn State. West Virginia, Miami of Florida and Penn State are on the 1987 schedule.

Six starters return on offense. Two of the main offensive ingredients—running back Reggie Taylor and wide receiver Jason Stargel—have graduated. Taylor ran for 1,325 yards and completed his career with 4,242, a school record. Stargel had 42 catches for 806 yards and six touchdowns.

Junior Al McKinney, a two-season backup,

moves up to become the starting running back.

"What we can't do is try to replace Reggie," Currey says. "Al is a different kind of back, and we just need to take that other dimension and build on it."

McKinney gained 296 yards in 70 carries and scored two touchdowns last season. He caught 16 passes for 110 yards and one TD.

"McKinney will be catching the ball out of the backfield a little more than Reggie did," Currey says. "This is his moment."

Junior Roosevelt Mukes (25 receptions, 245 yards, two touchdowns) moves into Stargel's flanker slot. Junior Joe Hice (44 for 584 yards and one touchdown) returns at split end. Currey also is high on juniors Billy Davis and Steve Sanders, both of whom were backups in 1986.

Fullback Robert Williams, a senior who broke his right leg in Cincinnati's 24-20 opening game victory over Virginia Tech, returns, as does junior Scott Tackett, who started at fullback most of the year. Currey is also excited about the talent of junior Leonard Cry.

The offensive line must be rebuilt around returning center Pat Lavelle (6-4, 260), a junior, and senior guard Ervin Owens (6-2, 265). Junior Matt Middendorf (6-4, 260), who is recovering from shoulder surgery, is a candidate at tackle. Other offensive line positions will be wide open this fall.

A probable starter is junior Daryl Huber (6-4,

Joe Hice makes a nice target with such leaps.



230), who was an alternate at tight end in 1986.

The defense, with six starters returning, will miss linebackers Alex Gordon and Toney Catchings, who were in on 199 tackles last year. Likely replacements include sophomores Ron Traut (6-0, 215) and Darryl Nash (6-1, 255). Both saw limited playing time in '86.

Starting tackles Bob Leshnak (5-11, 231), a senior, and junior Tom Szabados (6-1, 230) return, as does junior Chris Asbeck (6-2, 255), who started at both tackle and end.

Senior free safety John Lewis heads the cast of returning defensive backs. Senior Terry Noble returns at cornerback, where junior college transfer Lee Perkins also could figure. Sophomore Vincent Munlin is expected to contest two-year starter Richard Rhodes, a senior, for the strong safety position.

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Kicker Robert Barone and punter Shawn Burdick, a four-year letterman, have graduated, leaving those jobs up for grabs.

"It's another wait-and-see team," Currey says. "A lot is said about the offense, but I still believe defense wins championships." Currey hopes that Cincinnati will be helped by his best recruiting class in four seasons.

"We signed 21 of 29 kids out of Ohio," he says. "We've really been able to improve our program with Ohio kids. There's a lot of loyalty in the state, and it's had a good effect on our program."

But it is Danny McCoin, that unheralded 1983 recruit from Livingston, Tenn., who shoulders the largest single share of Bearcat hopes.

At Livingston Academy, McCoin was a four-year starter in football, basketball and baseball. But only Tennessee Tech and Brown, at Cincinnati, seemed really interested in recruiting him.

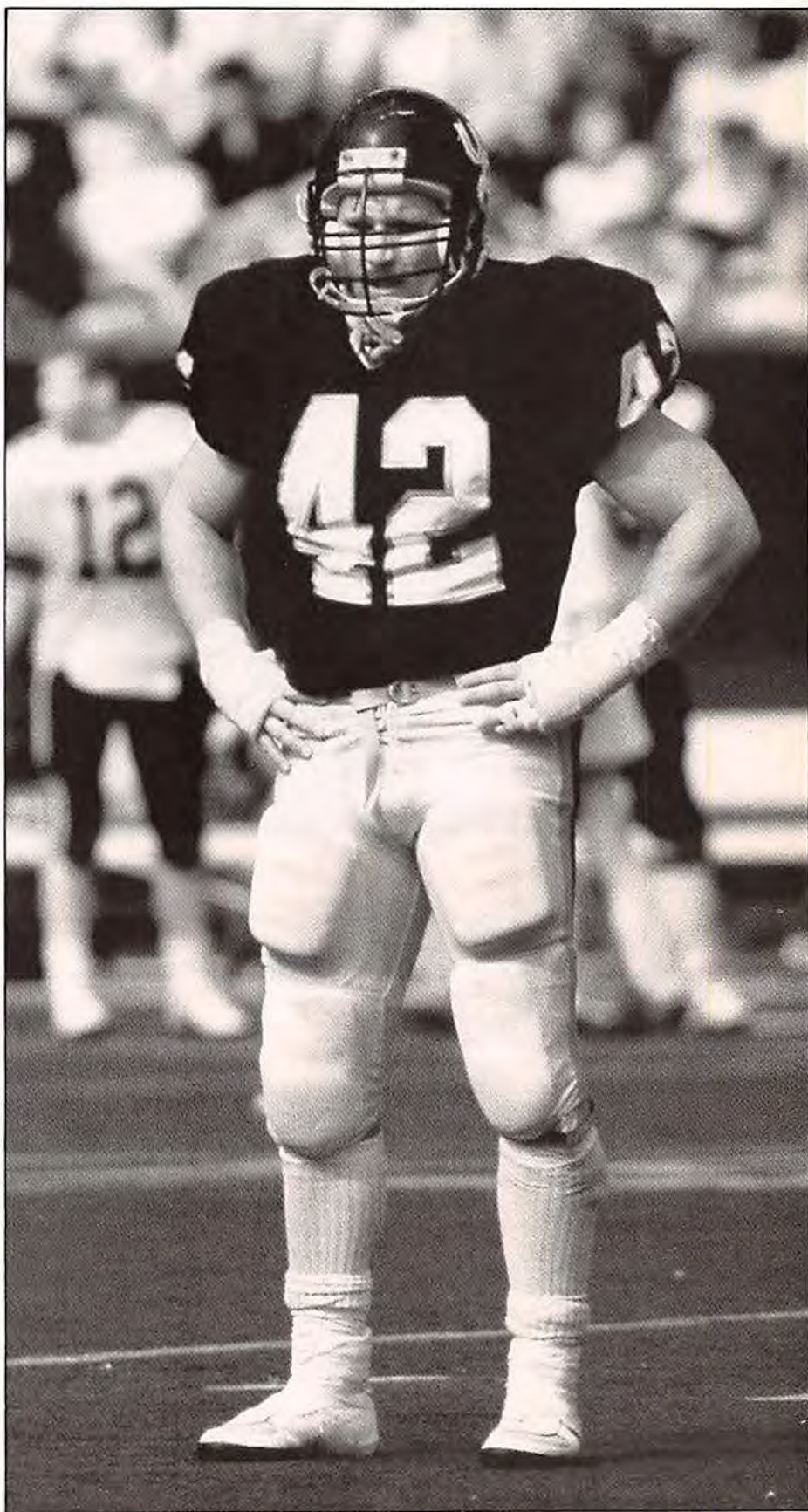
"It didn't bother me," McCoin says. "In high school I didn't realize how much the really good quarterbacks got recruited. I didn't know that schools all over the country went after them. I thought one or two offers was good. So when Coach Brown offered me a scholarship at Cincinnati, I thought it was fantastic."

The Bearcats think the same of McCoin. Perhaps one day, an NFL team will have the same feeling about him. And another day, a high school in Livingston will have him as a teacher and coach.

"That's what I want to do," McCoin says. "Go back and be a coach in football or basketball in my old home town. That's been my intention since I first got to college."

If a detour takes him first to the NFL, so much the better.

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Tackle Bob Leshnak will be a senior leader in the Bearcats' defensive unit.

The Single Wing Still Flies— But Only at Denison



by Phil Axelrod

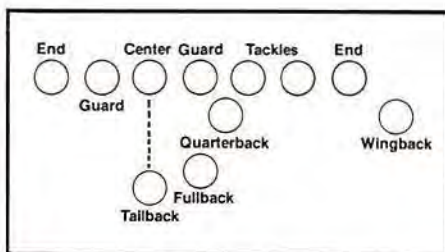
Johnny Majors sounds like he's talking about a long lost friend when he reminisces about the single wing, a formation that was the rage in football prior to World War II. Majors, last of the great triple-threat tailbacks, starred at Tennessee in the mid-1950s. He was the Heisman Trophy runner-up to Notre Dame's Paul Hornung in 1956.

"I grew up with the single wing," says Majors, head coach at his alma mater since 1977. "From the time I could walk, I knew I was going to be a single wing tailback."

Majors pauses. "I guess I miss it," he says with a shrug. "It was really a thing of beauty."

Amos Alonzo Stagg introduced the wingback principle in 1890. Glenn S. "Pop" Warner is given credit for inventing the single wingback formation, probably in 1912. For several decades it was used by almost every high school, college and professional team.

Today, the only college still running the archaic single wing on a full-time basis is Denison, a private liberal-arts school located in the central Ohio town of Granville. The keeper of the flame is Coach Keith Piper, an



The picture and diagram show the deployment when a play is run from an unbalanced line.

individualist who fondly remembers watching Massillon (Ohio) Washington High School run the single wing in the '30s under Paul Brown, who went on to win fame as coach at Ohio State and later the Cleveland Browns.

"I don't feel like a dinosaur," says the 65-year-old Piper, whose Denison Big Red compete in NCAA Division III. "I feel I'd be turning my back on people if I ever abandoned the single wing. It's a nostalgic type of thing."

The last major college to use the single wing was Princeton, which gave it up in 1969 and went to the modern T-formation that was introduced by Clark Shaughnessy in 1940.

"People think the single wing became outdated and old-fashioned because it stopped working," Piper says. "That's simply not what happened. It was never caught up with. It just went out of style, like men's fashions. It still works."

It works for Piper, whose teams have posted a 175-110-16 record in his 33 seasons at Denison. The Big Red was 10-1 in 1985 and 9-1 in 1986, and tailback Chris Spriggs became the first player in NCAA history to rush for more than 4,000 yards and pass for more than 2,000 in a career.

"You have to believe in the single wing to use it, and I don't feel old-fashioned just because it looks different and was used 50-60 years ago," says Piper, a Civil War buff whose early 19th century home—wouldn't you know it—is decorated with antiques. "I don't care how the formation looks. I care about how it works."

The single wing works in strange and wondrous ways. It remains a mystery to younger folks who have never seen it before. It starts with the ball being snapped to the tailback. He stands about five yards directly behind the center with the fullback an arm's length away

at his side. The quarterback lines up a yard behind a tackle on the strong side. The remaining back, the wingback, gets into a three-point stance just off the outside foot of the tight end.

In Denison's unbalanced-line version of the formation, the center is flanked on one side by a guard and an end, and on the other by two tackles, a guard and the tight end.

The tailback can run, pass or kick the football. One of the basic plays is the fullback spinner. The fullback gets the handoff from the tailback, turns his back to the line of scrimmage and then either hands off to another back, runs around end or simply dives into the middle of the line.

"It may not look pretty, but it sure gets the job done," says Piper, who is writing a book about the single wing.

Piper's favorite player in the single wing is the quarterback, who calls the signals but rarely does anything but block.

"We want a guy about 220 pounds, a tough hombre who's kinda ugly and bloodthirsty," Piper says. "Usually, he was a slow back in high school who didn't want to be a lineman."

But it is the tailback who hears the cheers in the single wing. Dick Kazmaier, a stocky 171-pounder, brought crowds to their feet as he led Princeton to 22 straight victories, including 9-0 seasons in 1950 and '51. He was featured on the cover of *Time* in 1951, the year he won the Heisman Trophy.

After watching Kazmaier complete 15 of 17 passes for 236 yards, rush for 124 and score three touchdowns in a stunning 53-15 victory over previously unbeaten Cornell in 1951, Pulitzer Prize-winning sports columnist Arthur Daley wrote in *The New York Times*: "Only Frank Merriwell in his fictional prime had days that could compare with the one Dandy Dick had. He kicks well; he passes with deadly accuracy; he is an exquisite runner with blinding speed and uncanny change of pace."

Kazmaier is president of a marketing and financial services firm in Concord, Mass., specializing in sports recreation, leisure, health and fitness. He enjoys a chuckle or two when he watches old films of himself wearing the striped orange and black uniforms of the Princeton Tigers.

"It looks like the Middle Ages or something," he says. "It seems so long ago. There were no face masks, no artificial turf, no color in the films. I think what we did had a lot of uniqueness, a lot of charm. The single wing we ran was quite complex. We had great variety, sophisticated line blocking, men in motion and flankers.

"We threw running passes that now are called play action. We could pass extremely well from the single wing."

But Kazmaier, who was inducted into the National Football Hall of Fame in 1966, doesn't linger in the past. "I enjoyed that time," he says, "but I live for today and the future. We're

an exclusive club—the single wing tailback club. I played a formation that has gone the way of the brontosaurus."

When Kazmaier played, the single wing was being replaced by the T-formation. He says: "The T was inherently simpler and the athletes were getting bigger, stronger and faster. They needed a faster-moving offense. The single wing wasn't explosive; you moved with the flow.

"Every play had to unfold. There was a lot of maneuvering before the hole opened up. I don't think you'll ever see the single wing come back. It would be next to impossible, because you'd have to find coaches who knew the system, and you'd need five or six tailbacks and long hours of work with the center. The challenge of finding the talent would be too demanding. That's the basic flaw of the single wing."

Kazmaier says he'd prefer to let the single wing remain one of football's fabled formations, a symbol of a different time, rather than revive it and adapt it to the game of the '80s.

"The single wing would be a novelty, an oddity that wouldn't be appreciated," he says. "People would look at it as a curiosity, not

understanding what a great formation it once was. It deserves to be remembered for that."

Legendary tailbacks Jim Thorpe, Red Grange, Tom Harmon, Doak Walker, Majors and Kazmaier transformed the single wing into an art form.

Bob Zuppke, who coached Grange at Illinois, once said that systems and plays weren't all that important. "It's the men who carry them out." Like Grange, who ran for touchdowns of 95, 67, 56 and 44 yards in the first 12 minutes against Michigan in 1924, and for three touchdowns and 363 yards on 36 carries on a muddy field against Pennsylvania in '25.

In the early twenties, when Grange was in school, Zuppke is said to have told his team before the Iowa game, "No man comes out who is still breathing."

When an injured Illinois player was unable to get up, Zuppke dispatched a reserve, who promptly ran back to the bench. "I thought I told you to report in," said Zuppke. "What did you come back for?"

"He's still breathing," said the substitute.

At Denison, the single wing is still breathing, and Piper hasn't tampered much with it. He is like a curator, handling it with care and respect.

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Keith Piper's teams at Denison University have become a living museum for the single wing.



(Single Wing continued)

He has used the single wing exclusively since 1978. Until then he ran the T-formation with the exception of a couple of seasons in the early 1960s.

In the spring of 1962 Piper was trying to convince his assistant coaches that Denison should install the single wing. They were stalemated when they took a trip to Pittsburgh to attend a sports banquet.

"When we got there, we drew numbers to determine where the Denison staff would sit," he recalls. "We wound up at the same table with Tennessee's people. They were using the single wing at the time, and they got my staff all fired up on the single wing. My staff accused me of arranging the seating, but it was just dumb luck."

"I got rid of the T and came back to the single wing because that's what I knew best," Piper says. "I hope nobody else goes to it. We have something of an advantage. Nobody else seems to know what we're doing. We see T-formations every week. Our opponents see the single wing once a year. They think they have to come up with a special defense just for our offense."

Teams in the North Coast Athletic Conference have yet to find a way to stop Piper's Big Red. "If we play a team on an equal footing," he says with a grin, "we have a better than even chance of winning."

Because of the single wing, Denison has received national publicity, making Piper's job easier when he's recruiting. "Usually, the prospect brings his grandfather with him to explain the single wing," he says. "We say we're unique and that appeals to him. Because the players we get aren't worried about becoming pro football players, it's not hard to find kids who fit the single wing."

"We look for option-type quarterbacks in high school and convert them into tailbacks. We're going to run the ball 40-50 times a game. We try to make opponents think run right, run left until their tongues are hanging out," Piper laughs. "I love the single wing, I really do. I've seen reverses where nobody's left standing."

Ten years ago Denison had a swift little quarterback from Florida named Clay Sampson.

"We were using the T his first season and were very ordinary," says Piper. "With Sampson's great speed, I thought he'd be the perfect tailback for the single wing. I got out some of our films from the '60s and showed them to him. He wasn't sure he would like it. He said it was outmoded and questioned whether it would work."

Nevertheless, Piper switched to the single wing. In the opening game against Washington & Jefferson in 1978, Sampson ran 78 yards for a touchdown.

"That was all it took to convince him," says Piper. "He liked it after that. He set every record we had at the time."

Why don't other college teams turn to the

single wing? "Because young coaches simply can't take the time to put it together," Piper says. "I don't think you'll ever see it again in the pros. I wouldn't want to pay \$3 million for a tailback and have him obliterated."

When the word tailback is mentioned, one of the first names to come to mind is Majors.

He was a high school senior, playing for his father, Shirley, at Huntland (Tenn.) High School in 1952. That was the last of Bob Neyland's 21 years as Tennessee coach. Neyland achieved tremendous success with the single wing. Nine of his teams didn't lose a regular-season game. In one six-year span, he lost only one game. During the thirties and forties, his name was almost synonymous with the single wing. Majors was coached at Tennessee by Harvey Robinson and Bowden Wyatt.

"I can't think of a more enjoyable position than single-wing tailback," Majors says. "You could do all the things you wanted to do, all the things you used to do in your backyard as a kid. You got to run, throw and kick the football. There were a lot of quick kicks. That was a big part of our game. If you couldn't think of anything else, you could kick the ball."

Majors' favorite play was the option pass, but when the Vols got near the goal line, he let the fullback carry the ball.

"I always wanted to keep my fullback happy, because I wanted him to block for me," Majors explains. "I'm prejudiced, but I think the single wing was one of the most beautiful offenses ever invented with its precision and its variety, which included the buck lateral, the reverses and the fullback and tailback spinners."

Tennessee discarded the single wing in 1964 when new Coach Doug Dickey installed the T. It marked the end of a glorious era.

"Tennessee was having trouble recruiting people with the single wing," Majors says. "The T-formation was a little more colorful. Steve Sloan left the state to go to Alabama and Steve Spurrier left to play for Florida. I think that's the big reason Tennessee changed."

Majors was reared on single wing football but never coached it.

"Maybe for a second or two I've given some thought to reviving it," he says. "But I have very serious doubts that it would ever make a strong comeback. It would be extremely difficult to recruit personnel today to play the single wing. It was fun to play and to watch, but I don't think you'll see it anymore."

Unless you travel to Granville, Ohio. Denison has turned back the clock and become a living museum for the single wing.

"I watch the faces of youngsters at our games," says Piper, "and I love the way they keep staring at the field. They always ask a lot of questions after the game."

Piper takes the time to answer them. He considers that to be part of the responsibility that goes with being the last man to coach the single wing.

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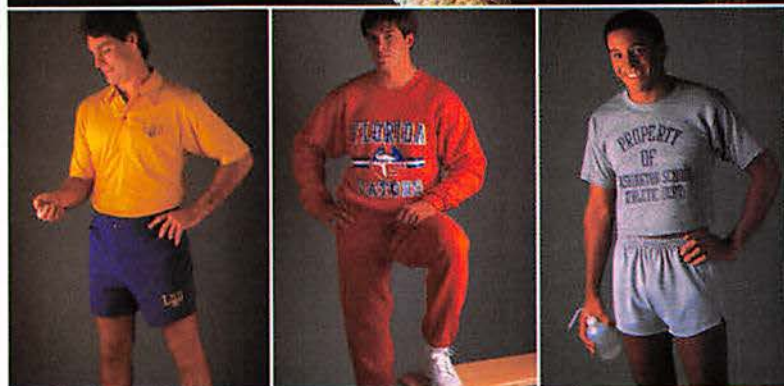
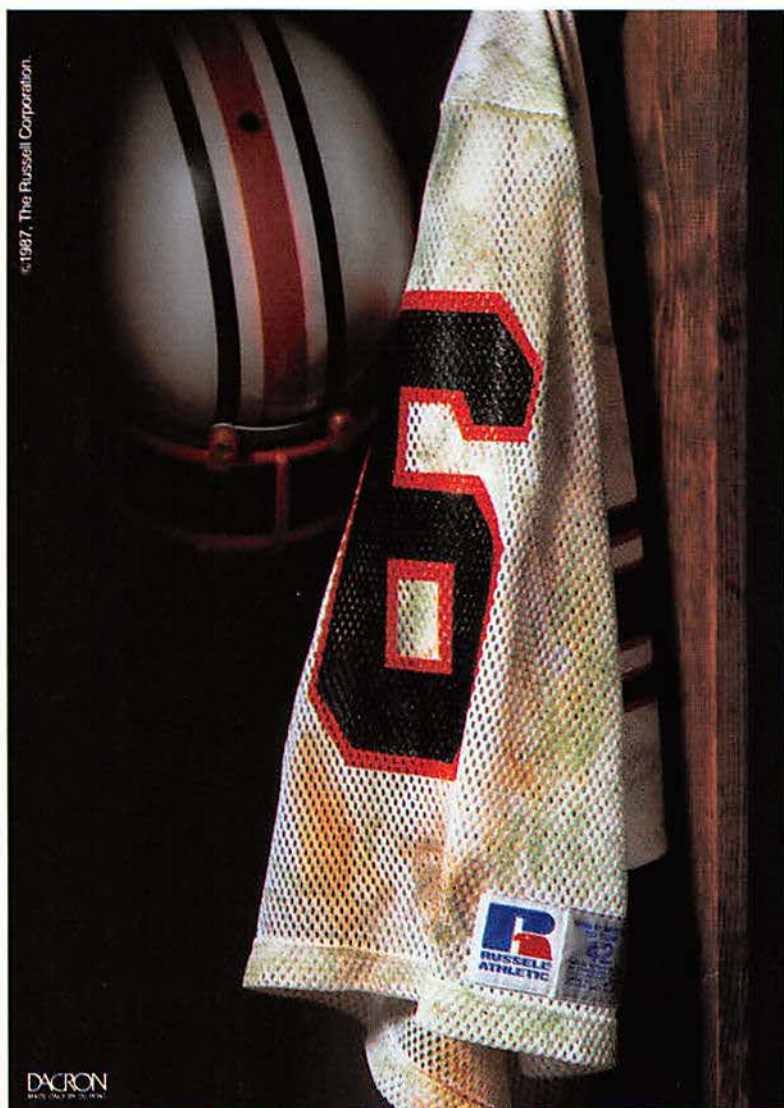
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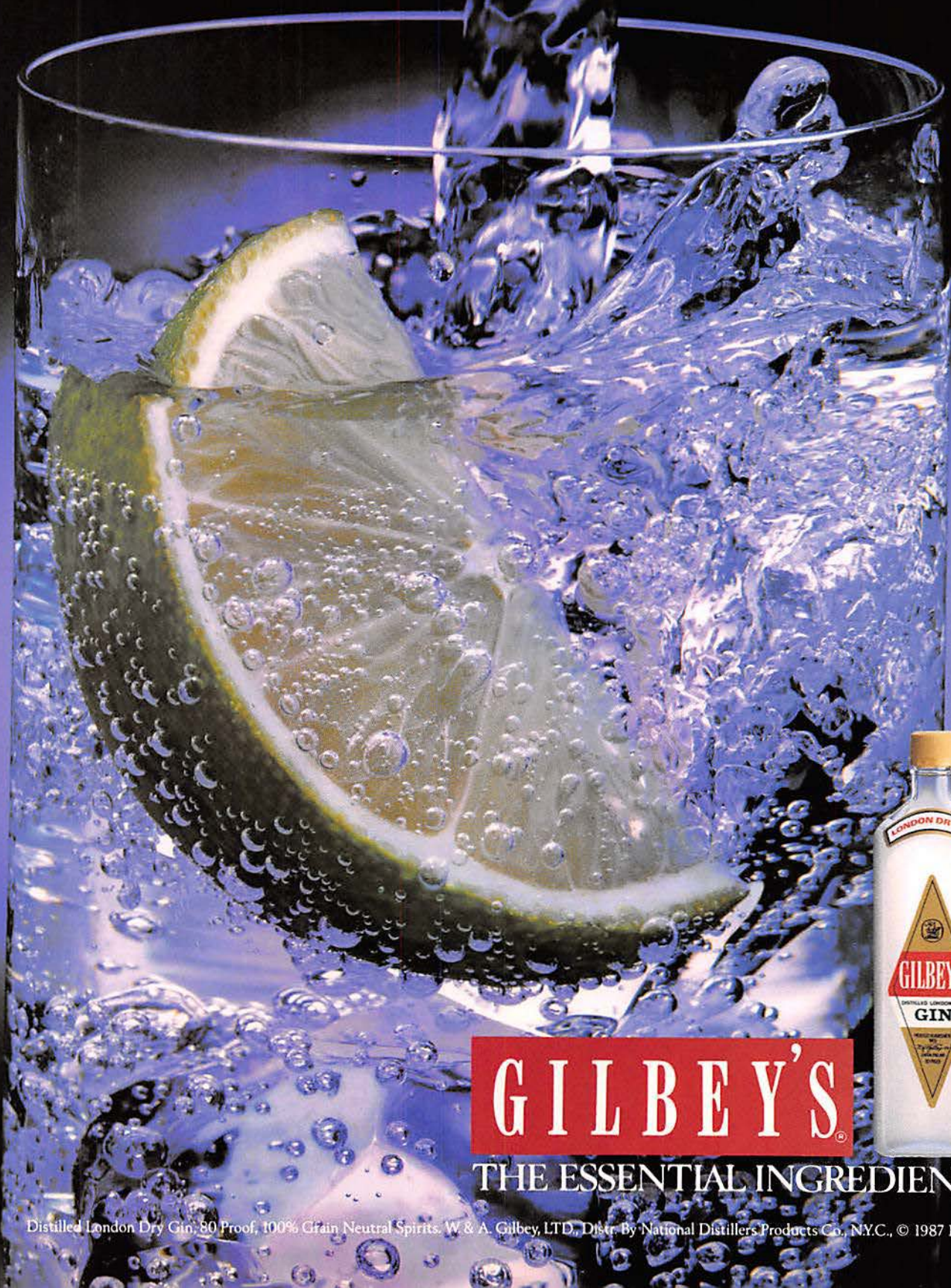
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Sooners, Minus Boz, Are Still Doin' Fine

by Jerry McCoin
Publisher

The eyes of Texas are upon Oklahoma. Pennsylvania, Alabama and Michigan eyes are watching, too. California sunglasses are turned that way. Be sure Nebraska is viewing the Oklahoma scene with considerable interest.

Any way you look at it, the Oklahoma Sooners look like national champions of college football. Barry Switzer has a beautiful package: talent, experience, tradition, Jamelle Holieway.

All the coach has to do is keep it together, wrap it up Nov. 21 at Lincoln and tie it with a big Orange Bowl ribbon on Jan. 1, 1988.

Athlon concludes that Oklahoma will again be overpowering. So, what's new? The championship got away last September, but this one is going in the trophy case.

It would be exciting to say that Coach Switzer's Sooners have discovered a dazzling passing attack to go with their snap, crackle

and pop. The Sooners will again be run-oriented, however.

Oklahoma has the finest offensive line in America in tight end Keith Jackson, tackles Jon Phillips and Greg Johnson, and guards Mark Hutson and Anthony Phillips—all returning regulars. Center Bob Latham looks right at home in that kind of company.

Holieway is the quarterback-magician, a slick wishbone manipulator without equal. The

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Like Lydell Carr, Oklahoma hits the top.

Athlon's Top Twenty

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Sooners have speed merchants to break long runs and big backs to batter out tough yards in heavy traffic. When you have committed everybody, including the mascot, to protect the corners and plug tackle holes, Oklahoma can throw a touchdown pass.

The Sooners' defense, even without Brian Bosworth, is the best short of the NFL. Seven starters return.

Defending national champion Penn State has a fine team and a schedule tailored for another perfect record: Bowling Green, Rutgers, Cincinnati, Boston College, Temple, etc.

Coach Joe Paterno's Nittany Lions should finish No. 2.

Auburn projects as the third-best team in the country. Coach Pat Dye has a crusty defensive front featuring Aundray Bruce and Tracy Rocker. Again, scheduling is a factor. The Tigers could reach November undefeated.

Michigan is No. 4. Jamie Morris, All-Big Ten running back, is the Wolverines' big-play man on offense. The defense returns standouts Andree McIntyre and Mark Messner. Bo Schembechler has never had a losing season in 24 years as a head coach.

Miami will demonstrate how to live without a Heisman Trophy quarterback. Others have been doing it for decades. Steve Walsh will not be confused with Vinny Testaverde. Melvin



Penn State's Blair Thomas may be a headliner.

Bratton and Warren Williams are excellent running backs. Safety Bennie Blades and defensive end Danny Stubbs will help maintain Miami's winning habit. *Athlon* picks the Hurricanes fifth.

Texas A&M will finish No. 6, apparently with-

out a star quarterback. But maybe young Lance Pavlas will prove to be better than Kevin Murray. Sammy O'Brien is an outstanding defensive lineman.

There are no strange faces in the Top 10. UCLA, featuring running back Gaston Green, is No. 7. Much-improved Florida State projects eighth. The Seminoles have nine returning regulars on each side of the ball. LSU is No. 9. The Tigers have top 5 talent, but new Coach Mike Archer has big shoes to fill. Ohio State is No. 10. All-America wide receiver Cris Carter was suspended in the spring for breaking "team rules." He was later reinstated.

The second 10 is full of perennial powers—naturally. They start with Arizona State, Nebraska, Tennessee and Clemson. Maybe you weren't expecting Pittsburgh to be No. 15. *Athlon* picks Mike Gottfried of the Panthers to be national Coach of the Year.

Arkansas, with all that experience and the flexbone, is 16, ahead of Southern California and Washington. Mississippi is 19. If Notre Dame, with its schedule, finishes 20th, the Irish should add a year to Coach Lou Holtz's contract.

Other good teams, close to the top 20, will be Colorado, Iowa, Georgia, Brigham Young and San Diego State.

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Mike Gottfried of Pittsburgh ATHLON'S NATIONAL COACH OF THE YEAR

Mike Gottfried of Pittsburgh is *Athlon's* selection as 1987 Coach of the Year.

In his first season at Pitt, Gottfried guided the 1986 Panthers to a 5-5-1 record. More impressively, however, the 42-year-old former college quarterback has placed Pitt back on the threshold of national respectability, a status not held by the Panthers since 1983.

Pittsburgh fans are longing for the return of the glory days, when their team played in 10 bowl games between 1973-83, won the national championship in 1976, and finished eight seasons ranked in the Associated Press Top 20 between 1975-83.

Athlon believes Gottfried is the coach who can answer the Panthers' prayers.

For starters, Gottfried recruited what is considered one of the best freshman classes in the nation. Among Pittsburgh's 1987 signees are three listed in the top 20 of Max Em-

finger's Top 100 high school football players in the country.

Gottfried, who played quarterback at Morehead State University in Kentucky, knows what it takes to turn programs around. In only his second year as a college head coach, in 1979, Gottfried led Murray State to a 9-2-1 record after going 4-7 the previous season.

He became head coach at the University of Cincinnati in 1981 and improved the Bearcats' 1980 2-9 record to 6-5. His 1982 team also finished 6-5, playing against teams such as Alabama, Penn State, Florida State and Miami, Fla.

Gottfried headed to Kansas in 1983 and succeeded in making the Jayhawks a stronger contender in the Big Eight. In 1984, when Kansas upset then No. 2-ranked Oklahoma, he was named the Associated Press Big Eight Coach of the Year.

Gottfried's career record as a college head coach is 54-44-4.

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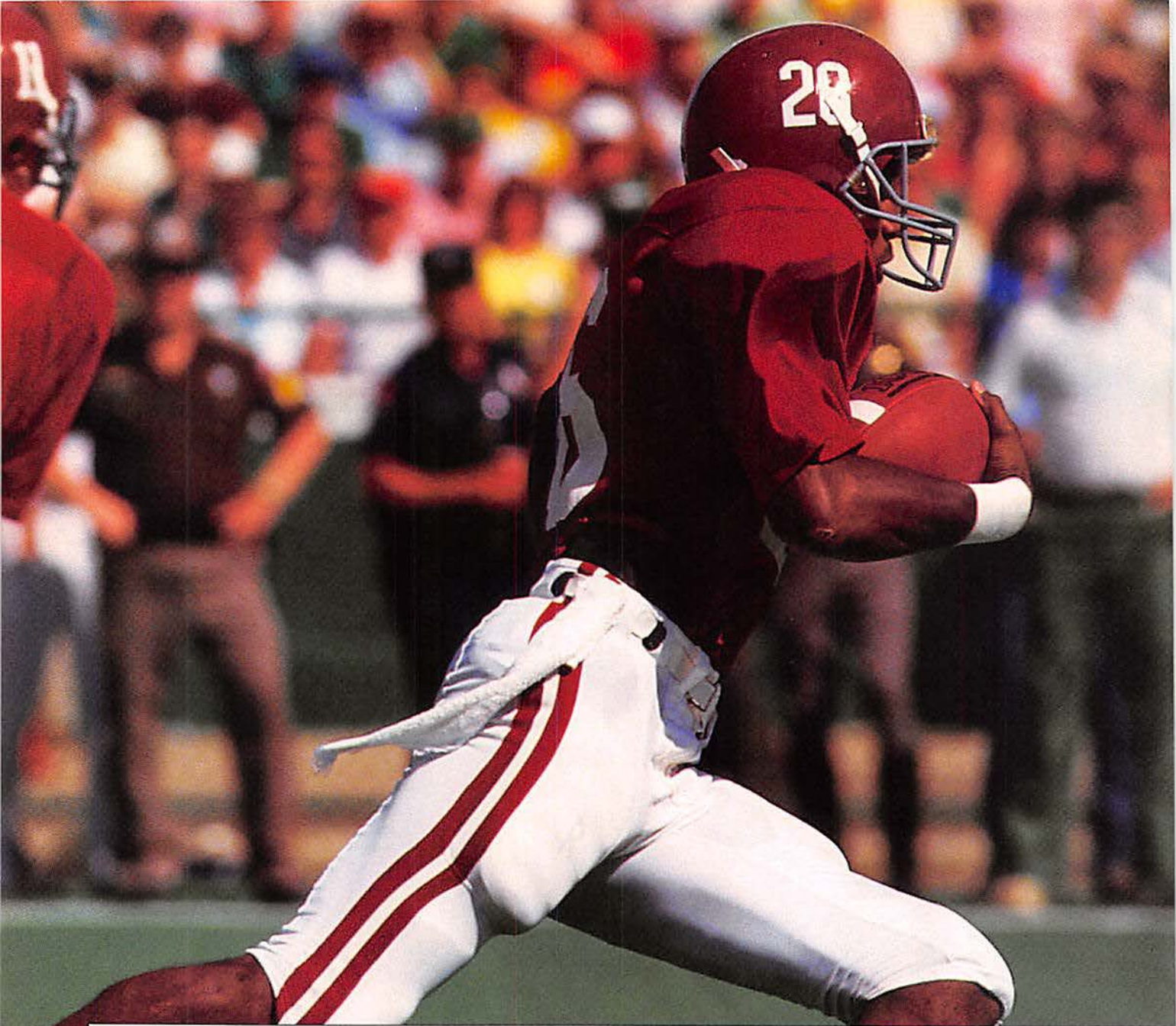
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ALL THE BEST IN '87

A STAR-SPANGLED SEASON

by Herschel Nissenson



According to West Virginia University's spring prospectus, "This could be the year of the wide receiver at West Virginia ... Harvey Smith ... John Talley ... Calvin Phillips ... Grantis Bell ... have the potential to be among college football's best pass catchers."

With apologies to Messrs. Smith, Talley, Phillips and Bell, who may indeed turn out to be as good as advertised, 1987 looks like the Year of the Wide Receiver all across the country—provided quarterbacks can be found to throw them the ball.

Six wide receivers who made the Associated Press' first three All-America teams last year are back—first-teamers Tim Brown of Notre Dame and Cris Carter of Ohio State, second-teamers Wendell Davis of LSU and Michael Irvin of Miami (Fla.), third-teamers Sterling Sharpe

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Going for the Heisman: Bobby Humphrey (opposite page), Tim Brown (top), Chris Spielman (36) and Jamie Morris (23).

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of South Carolina and Marc Zeno of Tulane. But only Davis, Sharpe and Zeno have their No. 1 quarterbacks returning: LSU's Tom Hodson, South Carolina's Todd Ellis and Tulane's Terrence Jones. Watch out for flying objects in Louisiana.

Of the top 40 receivers from 1986—the NCAA computes it on a catches-per-game basis—no fewer than 24 are back, including Davis (No. 3), Sharpe (5th), Zeno (7th), Carter (15th), Irvin (20th) and Brown (38th), who also finished third nationally in all-purpose running yards—i.e., rushing, receiving and kick returns.

Brown's numbers don't appear all that formidable until you (1) watch Mr. Excitement in person and (2) look at his all-purpose yardage.

Brown rushed for 254 yards—he lined up at halfback when Notre Dame employed the wishbone—caught 45 passes for 910 yards, had 75 yards in punt returns (his 56-yarder in the closing minutes set up the winning touchdown against Southern California) and brought back 25 kickoffs for 698 yards, finishing third nationally with a 27.92 average.

It all added up to 1,937 all-purpose yards, 176.09 per game. Brown averaged 14.8 yards per all-purpose play, just missing the all-time mark of 15 yards by Johnny Rodgers of Nebraska in 1972, the year he won the Heisman Trophy.

Says Notre Dame Coach Lou Holtz, "The only way opposing teams are going to keep the ball out of Timmy Brown's hands is by intercepting the snap from center."

Brown needed just 31 more yards to break Rodgers' mark. He had it, albeit temporarily, on a 97-yard kickoff return against Penn State, which was downgraded to 18 yards because of a clipping penalty.

Carter is the first All-America wide receiver at Ohio State. He is the Buckeyes' all-time leading receiver with 164 receptions and 27 touchdown catches—he set single-season records last year with 65 catches for 1,066 yards and 11 touchdowns—and needs just 129 yards to become No. 1 in that department as well.

Davis became the first LSU player to lead the Southeastern Conference in receiving, and he set four school records—receptions in a season (80), yards (1,244), touchdowns (11) and receptions in a game (14). His 1,244 yards led the nation—it was second in SEC history to Florida's Carlos Alvarez, who had 1,329 in 1969—and the 11 TD catches tied for the lead.

After just two seasons, Irvin is on the way to owning all Miami's receiving records. He already leads in career touchdown receptions (20), is second in receiving yards (1,708) and fifth in receptions (99). Besides his breakaway

speed and big-league hands, Irvin is an outstanding downfield blocker.

When Heisman Trophy winner Vinny Testaverde missed the 1986 regular-season finale because of an injury, Irvin helped backup Geoff Torretta to a 328-yard game by catching eight passes for 194 yards, second-best yardage total in Miami history. Two receptions resulted in 50- and 42-yard touchdowns.

"There is not a better all-around athlete in the country than Sterling Sharpe," says South Carolina Coach Joe Morrison. "When things get tight, you look for certain players, and Sterling is that type of athlete for our ballclub."

Sharpe's 1986 numbers were 74 receptions—10 against Nebraska, nine against Clemson—for 1,106 yards and 10 touchdowns, all school records. He needs 39 catches, 482 yards and four touchdowns to become the Gamecocks' all-time leader in those categories. He also led the team in kickoff and punt returns. For good measure, he was named to the All-American Strength Team.

People in New Orleans were concerned that with Tulane's running game turning to the option, Zeno would not get the ball as often as he did in 1985, when he caught 73 passes for 1,137 yards. They were right, but he didn't miss by much (68 for 1,033).

"He caught 68 passes, was one of the nation's leading receivers and had a great year, so we will still work at getting the ball to him," says Coach Mack Brown.

Other top receivers back for 1987 include Guy Liggins of San Jose State (No. 6), Stanford's Jeff James and Brad Muster (11th and 12th respectively), Oklahoma State's Hart Lee Dykes (14th), Terance Mathis of New Mexico (16th) and Michigan State's Andre Rison (19th).

Keep an eye on Mississippi's J.R. Ambrose, Doug Green of Duke, Southern Cal's Ken Henry, Tennessee's Anthony Miller, Miami of Ohio's Andy Schillinger, Willie Vaughn of Kansas and North Carolina State's Nasrallah Worthen.

And don't forget that fearsome foursome at West Virginia.

For all those folks to catch the ball, someone's got to throw it, but only seven of the top 20 quarterbacks in passing efficiency are returning.

At the top of the list are three passers who will still be underclassmen in 1987: LSU sophomore Hodson (No. 6), junior Jeff Francis of Tennessee (7th) and sophomore Ellis of South Carolina (11th). But the quarterbacks who probably will get the most preseason pub are Florida's Kerwin Bell and San Diego State's Todd Santos, who is bidding to become the fourth 10,000-yard passer in as many years (1984, Doug Flutie; 1985, Brian McClure; 1986, Kevin Sweeney).

With 7,493 passing yards, Santos trails Sweeney, the leader, by 3,130, which means he must average 261 yards a game since the

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Aztecs play a 12-game regular season. He averaged 255 last year despite an inexperienced corps of receivers and a tailback who rushed for almost 1000 yards.

Santos already is San Diego State's career leader in completions and passing yardage, surpassing the likes of Dennis Shaw, Brian Sipe, Craig Penrose, Don Horn and Jesse Freitas. If he falls short of Sweeney's record, Santos seems certain to eclipse Brigham Young's Jim McMahon as the Western Athletic Conference's all-time passing leader. He needs only 2,043 yards.

When Bell was unexpectedly thrust into the starting job at Florida in 1984 and went on to earn SEC Player of the Year honors, he was a walk-on redshirt freshman from tiny Mayo, Fla. In 1987, Bell can break many SEC records.

He ranks fourth on the all-time list with 47 touchdown passes—most ever for an SEC quarterback at the end of his junior season and sixth highest in NCAA history—and 5,816 yards. Former Florida star John Reaves holds both easily reachable marks with 54 and 7,549.

"People are always asking for a comparison between Bell and Testaverde," says Florida State Coach Bobby Bowden. "That's like comparing Dan Marino to Joe Montana. They are different, however, in that Testaverde's a Marino-type of quarterback. He's the classic dropback passer. Bell's more like Montana in that he can scramble and make something happen on the run."

If you're looking for a running quarterback, look no further than Oklahoma's Jamelle Holieway, who has galloped for 1,672 yards (the NCAA record is 3,299 by Tampa's Fred Solomon, 1971-74) in his first two seasons. Coach Barry Switzer calls Holieway "perhaps the best wishbone quarterback I have ever had."

Mike Perez of San Jose State threw 17 interceptions and only 14 touchdown passes, numbers which relegated him to 29th place under the NCAA rating formula. But Perez's 2,934 yards passing and 35 rushing in only nine games made him the national leader in total offense with a 329.89 per-game average. He led the Spartans to the Pacific Coast Athletic Association crown and set a PCAA record when he passed for 508 yards and had 536 yards of total offense against Pacific.

All the major college passing records could become academic by the time Ellis finishes his career at South Carolina. Coach Joe Morrison switched from the veer to the run-and-shoot to take advantage of Ellis' talents, and he was not disappointed with the results.

All Ellis did was set NCAA freshman records with 3,020 passing yards, 20 touchdown passes and 2,975 yards in total offense. All are school records. So is his 60.3 percent completion average and, on the debit side, his 22 interceptions. He finished second nationally behind Perez in total offense with 270.45 yards per game.

Ellis passed for 200 or more yards in 10 of 11 games and hit 300 three times, including 394 yards against Peach Bowl-bound Virginia Tech. With three seasons remaining, he already is third on South Carolina's all-time pass yardage list.

"Ellis will break every record anybody's got before he's through," says Bowden, whose team surrendered 267 of Ellis' passing yards.

Besides Hodson, Francis and Ellis, North Carolina's Mark Maye was 12th in passing efficiency, Eastern Michigan's Ron Adams 15th, Cincinnati's Danny McCoin 19th and Washington's Chris Chandler 20th. Tulane's Jones was 30th.

Also, watch out for Minnesota's Rickey Foggie, Don McPherson of Syracuse, Rodney Peete of Southern Cal, Nebraska's Steve Taylor, Texas Tech's Billy Joe Tolliver and Oregon State's Erik Wilhelm.

When it comes to receivers, don't overlook the tight ends, who are expected to block as well as catch.

Oklahoma All-American Keith Jackson jokes that "sometimes I hold or clip intentionally so we can have third-and-long and maybe throw the ball."

Maybe. The Sooners finished dead last among the nation's 105 major college teams in passing, throwing only 88 times all season and completing just 38. Jackson caught 14 for 403 yards, a whopping 28.8-yard average and a school record for 10 or more receptions in a season.

Other noteworthy tight ends are Florida State's 251-pound Pat Carter, Duke's Jason Cooper, Ron Duncan of Ball State, Mike Flagg of Iowa, Maryland's Ferrell Edmunds and Temple's Mike Hinnant.

The top returning rushers are a trio of juniors: Derrick Fenner of North Carolina (No. 5), Central Michigan's Rodney Stevenson (6th) and Alabama's Bobby Humphrey (7th).

Partly because of Alabama's football tradition, Humphrey is the most publicized of the three. Humphrey grew up in the shadow of Birmingham's Legion Field, where the Crimson Tide will play all its 1987 home games. He rewrote most of Alabama's rushing records, including rushes (236), yards (1,471, with a school-record 284 against Mississippi State) and yards per game (122.6). His 17 touchdowns were another record.

UCLA is touting Gaston Green as a Heisman Trophy candidate. Michigan State and Oklahoma State will do the same for Lorenzo White and Thurman Thomas if they can stay away from the nagging injuries that slowed them down last year after outstanding 1985 campaigns.

Green concluded the 1986 regular season by rushing for 224 yards and a record-tying four touchdowns against Southern Cal, the highest rushing total ever against the Trojans. He surpassed that feat with 266 yards in the

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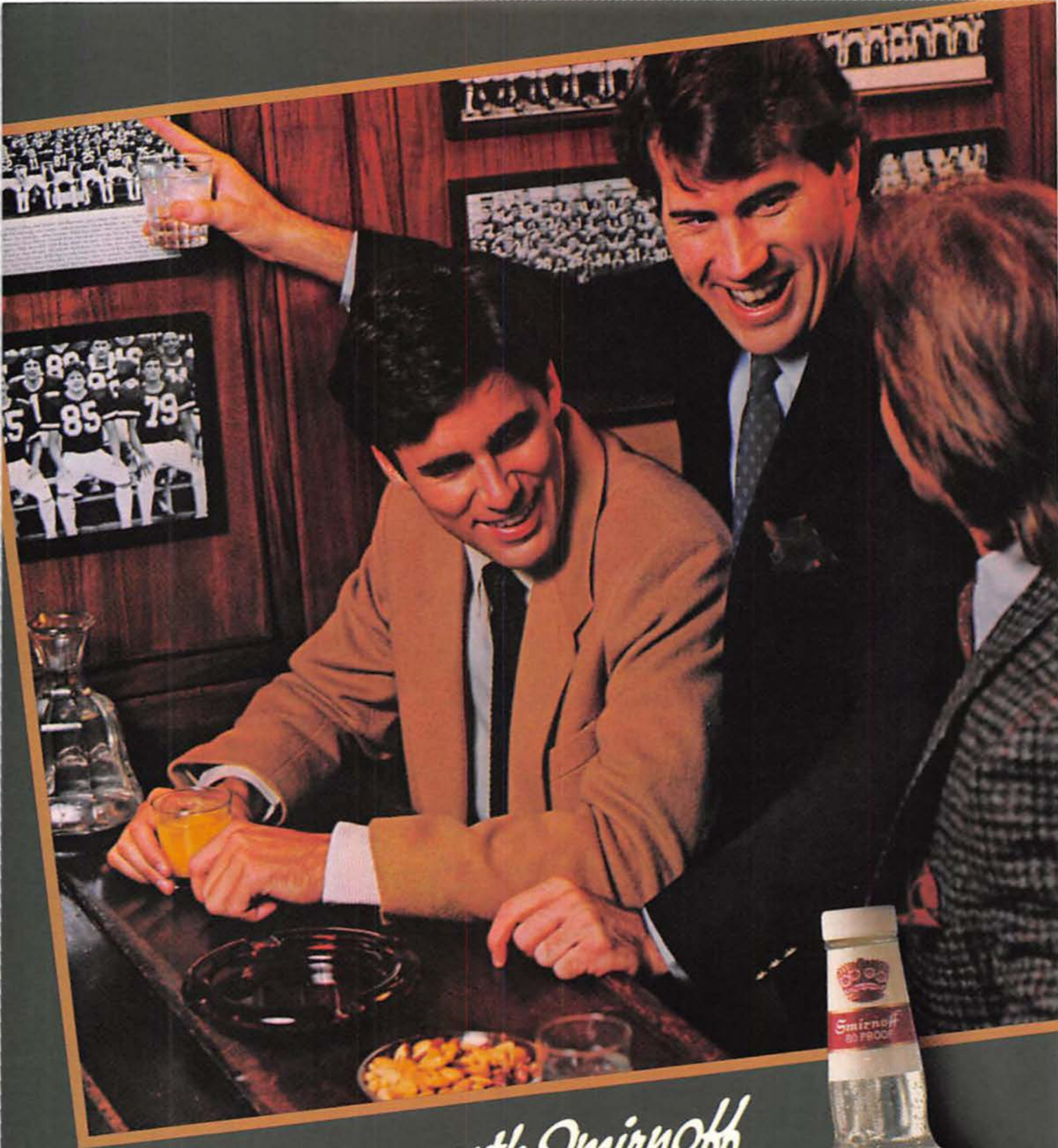


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Freedom Bowl against Brigham Young, a team that allowed only 88.8 yards per game on the ground during the regular season.

Green finished the season with school records of 1,405 yards and 17 touchdowns. He led the Pacific-10 and placed 11th nationally in rushing (113.9 yards a game) despite missing one contest with a bunion on his left big toe and gaining just five yards on six carries the following week.

Best of all, Green fumbled just once all season—on a bad pitchout.

In three seasons, Green has rushed for 2,633 yards and needs 563 to pass Theotis Brown, Wendell Tyler and Freeman McNeil, and reach the top of the UCLA list.

White and Thomas have the highest career totals of the returning rushers—3,054 and 2,982 yards respectively—and are tied for the scoring lead with 162 points.

The list of top 20 running backs also includes Minnesota's Darrell Thompson, who finished 12th nationally with 1,240 yards as a 1986 freshman; Navy's Chuck Smith (No. 15), San Jose State's Kenny Jackson (16th), Army wishbone quarterback Tory Crawford (18th), Tulsa's Derrick Ellison (19th) and Eastern Michigan's Gary Patton (20th).

Others to watch: Iowa's Rick Bayless and David Hudson, Miami of Florida's Melvin Bratton, Oklahoma's Lydell Carr, Pitt's Craig Heyward, Texas Christian's Tony Jeffery, Utah's Eddie Johnson, Nebraska's Keith "End Zone" Jones, Southern Cal's Ryan Knight, Michigan's Jamie Morris, Stanford's Muster, Arkansas' James Rouse, Florida State's Sammie Smith, Georgia's Lars Tate and Penn State's Blair Thomas.

A word about Muster. Although he lines up at running back, his 170 career receptions are tops among returning players (Zeno has 159), and he ranks fifth among returning rushers with 2,397 yards. As a result, he also leads the list of active players with 4,159 all-purpose yards.

Since every scrimmage play starts with a center snap, it seems strange that the only center with outstanding preseason credentials is Arizona's Joe Tofflemire.

The top offensive tackles include Southern Cal's Dave Cadigan, Michigan's John Elliott, Oklahoma's Greg Johnson, Russell Moses of Rice, Baylor's Joel Porter, Arizona's Jeff Rinehart, Florida State's Pat Tomberlin and Florida's David Williams.

The list of guards is somewhat deeper, headed by LSU's Eric Andolsek, Arkansas' 350-pound Freddie Childress, Alabama's Bill Condon (a spring knee injury may cost him the season), Tennessee's Harry Galbreath, Oklahoma's Mark Hutson and Anthony Phillips, Iowa's Bob Kratch, Arizona State's Randall McDaniel, Clemson's John Phillips and Pitt's Mark Stepnoski.

Others include Paul Jetton of Texas, North-

ern Illinois' Ted Karamanos, Washington State's Mike Utley, Joe Wolf of Boston College and Washington's Mike Zandofsky.

Four of the top five field-goal kickers are back—again, the NCAA bases it on a per-game average—led by Virginia Tech's Chris Kinzer, who connected on 22 of 27. Tied for second with the departed John Carney of Notre Dame were Arizona's Gary Coston (21 of 24), Texas A&M's Scott Slater (21 of 27) and Fresno State's Barry Belli (21 of 31).

Other holdovers from the 1986 top 20 include Kentucky's Joe Worley and Brian Lowe of Boston College (tied for No. 8), TCU's Lee Newman and Temple's Bill Wright (tied for 12th), Arizona State's Kent Bostrom, Missouri's Tom Whelihan, Miami of Ohio's Gary Gussman, San Jose State's Sergio Olivarez, Florida State's Derek Schmidt (tied for 14th) and BYU's Leonard Chitty (20th).

There are three constants in this world: (1) death, (2) taxes and (3) you win with defense.

The three returning members of the AP's All-America defensive unit are Hawaii tackle Al Noga, Ohio State linebacker Chris Spielman and Miami of Florida free safety Bennie Blades, who led the nation with 10 interceptions.

Also returning are three second-teamers: outside linebacker Marcus Cotton of Southern Cal, Arkansas nose guard Tony Cherico and Oklahoma strong safety David Vickers;

They don't call Cherico a nose guard for nothing.



and three third-teamers: outside backers Darrell Reed of Oklahoma and Van Waiters of Indiana and Florida State cornerback Deion Sanders.

Others to watch:

Down linemen: Washington's Dennis Brown, Mississippi State's Anthony Butts, Fresno State's Jethro Franklin, BYU's David Futrell, North Carolina's Tim Goad, Iowa's Dave Haight, Chad Hennings of Air Force, West Virginia's Brad Hunt, Bowling Green's Greg Johnson, Miami of Ohio's Andrew Marlatt, Michigan's Mark Messner, Texas A&M's Sammy O'Brient, Clemson's Michael Dean Perry, Auburn's Tracy Rocker, Troy Schultz of Ball State, Miami of Florida's Danny Stubbs, UCLA's Terry Turney and California's Majett Whiteside.

Outside linebackers: Auburn's Aundray Bruce, Florida's Clifford Charlton, Notre Dame's Cedric Figaro, Arizona's Boomer Gibson, Bowling Green's John Hunter, Ohio State's Eric Kumerow, Texas Tech's Michael Johnson, UCLA's Eric Smith and Nebraska's Broderick Thomas.

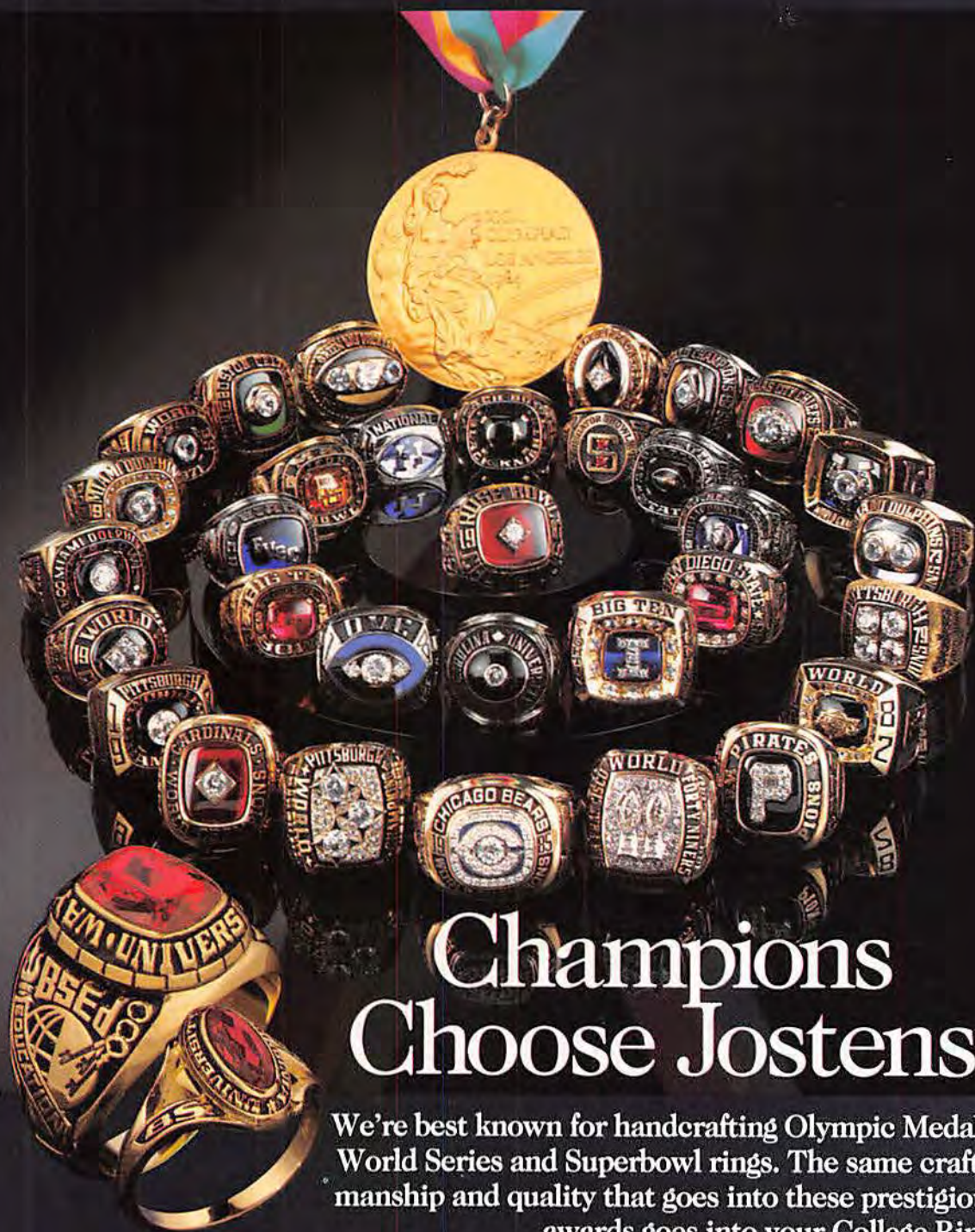
Inside linebackers: Penn State's Trey Bauer and Pete Giftopoulos, Georgia's John Brantley, Southern Cal's Keith Davis and Rex Moore, Washington State's Brian Forde, Vanderbilt's Chris Gaines, Southern Mississippi's Onesimus Henry, Mississippi's Jeff Herrod, Toledo's Steve Huffman, Miami of Florida's George Mira, Florida State's Paul McGowan, UCLA's Ken Norton Jr., Washington's David Rill, Bill Romanowski of Boston College, Purdue's Fred Strickland, Wyoming's Galand Thaxton and Tennessee's Kelly Ziegler.

Backs: Arkansas' Steve Atwater and Richard Brothers, Arizona's Chuck Cecil, Texas A&M's Kip Corrington, Oklahoma's Ricky Dixon, San Diego State's Harold Hicks and Mario Mitchell, Georgia Tech's Riccardo Ingram, Missouri's Adrian Jones, Alabama's Kermit Kendrick, Mississippi's Stevon Moore, Oregon's Anthony Newman, Oregon State's Lavance Northington, Pitt's Billy Owens, Arizona State's Anthony Parker, Colorado's Mickey Pruitt, BYU's Rodney Thomas, UCLA's James Washington, Miami of Ohio's Sheldon White, Florida's Jarvis Williams and Clemson's Donnell Woolford.

The returning punters are led by two-time All-American Barry Helton of Colorado. Helton finished fourth nationally last year with a 45.6 average, behind returnees Alexander Waits of Texas (No. 2 with a 46.13 average) and TCU's Chris Becker (3rd, 46.05).

Other holdovers from the top 20 include Auburn's Brian Shulman (6th); Georgia's Cris Carpenter (7th), if he doesn't turn to professional baseball; Ohio State's Tom Tupa (10th); Wisconsin's Scott Cepicky (12th); Utah State's Herick Mandel (13th); UCLA's Harold Barkate (15th); California's Scott Tabor (19th); and Tennessee's Bob Garmon (20th).

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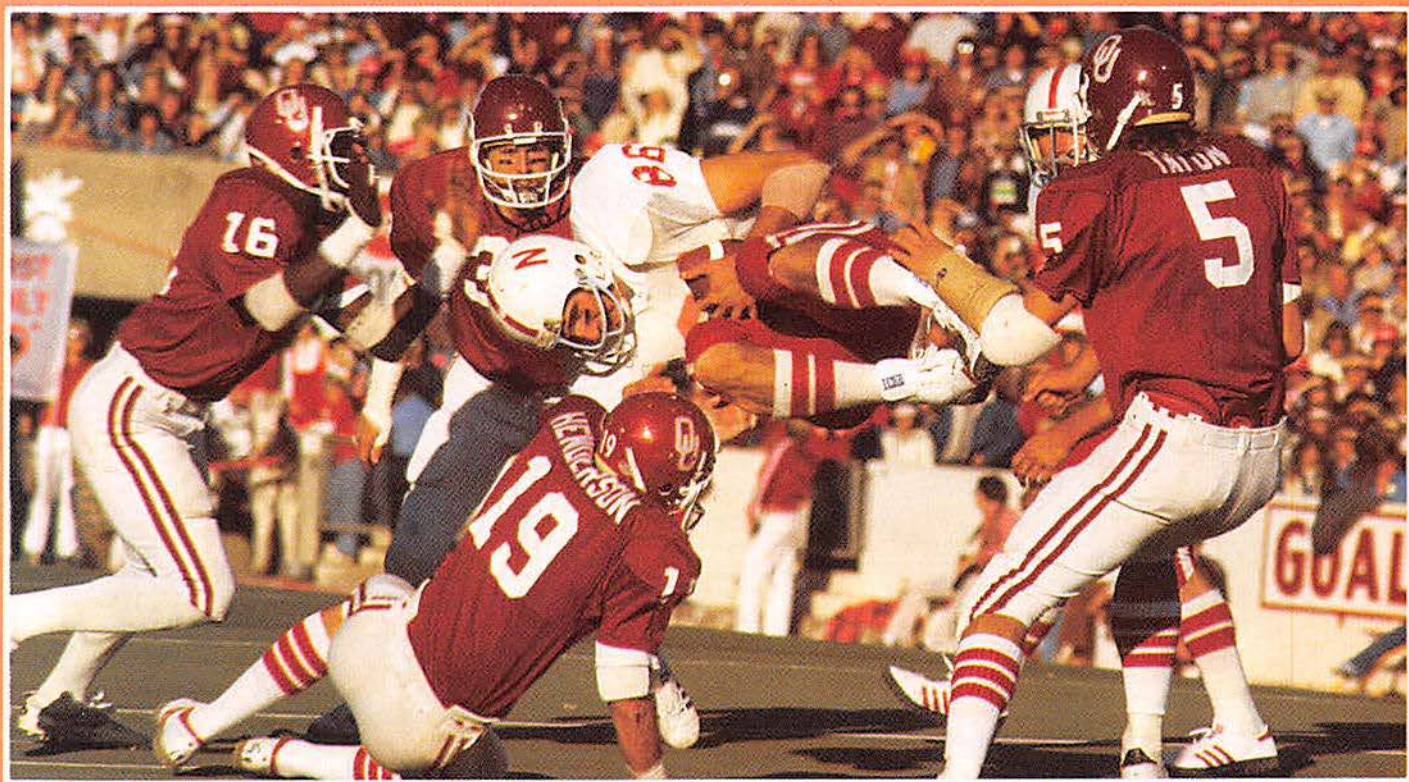
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The Great Rivalries

Oklahoma vs. Nebraska



by Bill Connors

Oklahoma-Texas is more passionate. Alabama-Auburn is more fierce. Ohio State-Michigan is more intense. UCLA-Southern California is more colorful. Georgia-Florida is more festive.

But the best and purest rivalry of contemporary college football is Nebraska vs. Oklahoma. Since 1970, no rivalry can match that one for high stakes, awards and civility.

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schools won the Heisman Trophy three times, the Outland Trophy seven times and the Lombardi Award five times.

The Nebraska-Oklahoma game of 1971, which Nebraska won 35-31 on Oklahoma's home field at Norman, was voted the best college game ever by a national panel of sportswriters. There have been 18 straight showdowns, and one rematch in the Orange Bowl (1979), without controversy, fights on the field or rancorous consequences.

It was a different story at the outset of the 1960s when Bud Wilkinson was in the twilight of his dynasty at Oklahoma, and Nebraska was nearing the end of a slump that lasted 20 years.

Bill Jennings, former Oklahoma end and assistant to Wilkinson, went to Nebraska as head coach in 1957, the year the Sooners' 47-game winning streak ended. Jennings became embroiled in a controversy with Wilkinson over the recruitment of Monte Kiffin, a Lexington, Neb., schoolboy who was to be better known as a coach than a player. Kiffin, a tackle, attended Nebraska.

However, Jennings did not let the controversy die. He accused Oklahoma of recruiting infractions that he said he learned of after leaving Wilkinson's staff. That resulted in an NCAA investigation and Oklahoma was placed on probation in 1960. The rivalry became bitter and Jennings became

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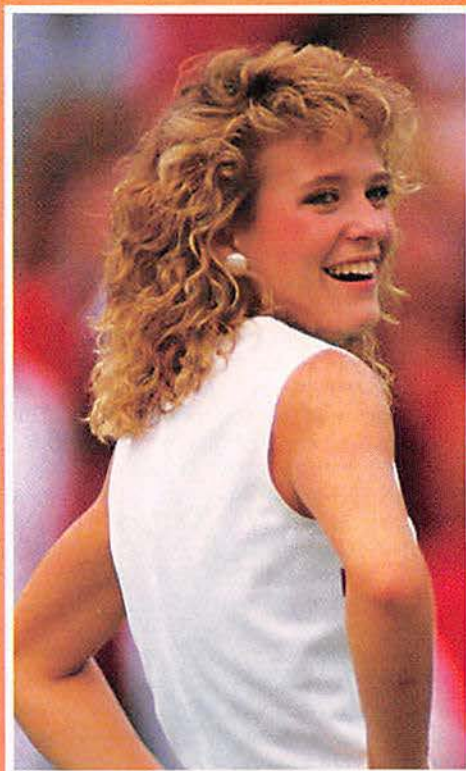
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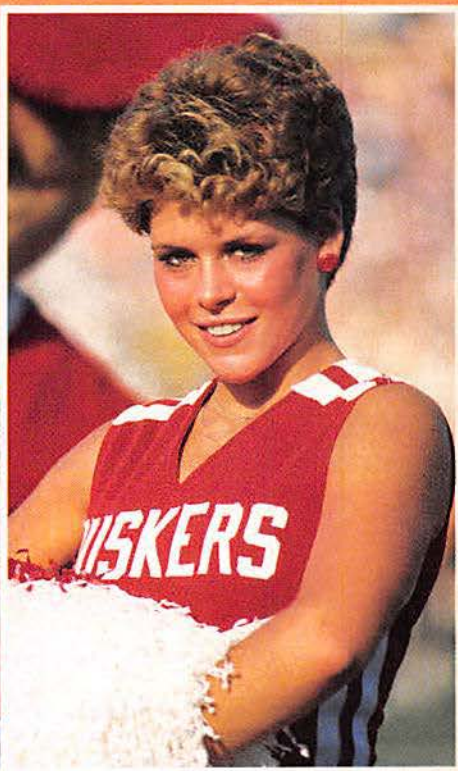
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The Great Rivalries

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They stand up to be counted, the alumni do, in Norman and Lincoln when the Sooners and Cornhuskers battle. And the yells, whether elicited by a vivacious cheerleader from Oklahoma or Nebraska, sound through a packed stadium.



a villain in his native state. But he had the satisfaction of seeing his 1959 team end Oklahoma's string of 74 consecutive games without a defeat in conference play (72 under Wilkinson) with a 25-21 victory at Lincoln. The following season, Jennings' team defeated Oklahoma 17-14 at Norman.

Those were two of only 11 games Nebraska has won against Oklahoma since 1942. Jennings was fired after the 1961 season, and the rivalry's current competitive yet harmonious tone took shape when Bob Devaney arrived at Nebraska.

Wilkinson retired after the 1963 season. Oklahoma won Wilkinson's final conference championship in 1962, when Devaney's first team at Lincoln was runner-up. Devaney's 1963 team dethroned Wilkinson's final team, and Nebraska, despite having perfect conference records spoiled by Oklahoma in 1964 and 1966, became the Big Eight's dominant team until Chuck Fairbanks revived the Sooners in 1967. Fairbanks also enhanced the rivalry's civility because of his relationship with Devaney.

Fairbanks, who was elevated to head coach at Oklahoma following the death of Jim Mackenzie, was an end at Michigan State in the mid-'50s when Devaney was the Spartans' end coach. They were friends, and their mutual trust and respect influenced their assistants.

Oklahoma ended Nebraska's string of conference championships at four in Fairbanks' first season, and the Sooners shared the 1968 title with Kansas, thanks in part to one of the series' few blowouts of modern

times: 47-0, when Oklahoma tailback Steve Owens (who won the Heisman Trophy the following year) set a Big Eight record by scoring five touchdowns. The next year, with an outstanding sophomore class that would be the backbone of two national championship teams (1970-71), Devaney got even with a 44-14 victory over Oklahoma.

Those crushing defeats and the competition that took on national significance in 1970-72 did not alter the relationship between Devaney and Fairbanks. When Devaney retired following the 1972 season (he has remained Nebraska's athletic director), he was offered coaching and general manager jobs by the New England Patriots. He declined and recommended Fairbanks, who accepted. Tom Osborne and Barry Switzer, ranking assistants, were chosen in 1973 to replace Devaney and Fairbanks respectively. The rivalry developed into a staple in the national championship sweepstakes, and the harmony continued.

The nearest thing to a flap between Switzer and Osborne occurred during the 1987 recruiting season, when Nebraska went 2-0 vs. Oklahoma in down-to-the-wire battles for two blue-chip backs. Shortly after signing quarterback Mickey Joseph of New Orleans, Nebraska also signed running back Leodis Flowers of Omaha, with a defaulting assist from Switzer. Switzer violated a rule by discussing Flowers, before his signing, with newsmen in Omaha. When a television station aired Switzer's comments, the Big Eight's announcement that he was in violation enabled Nebraska to get

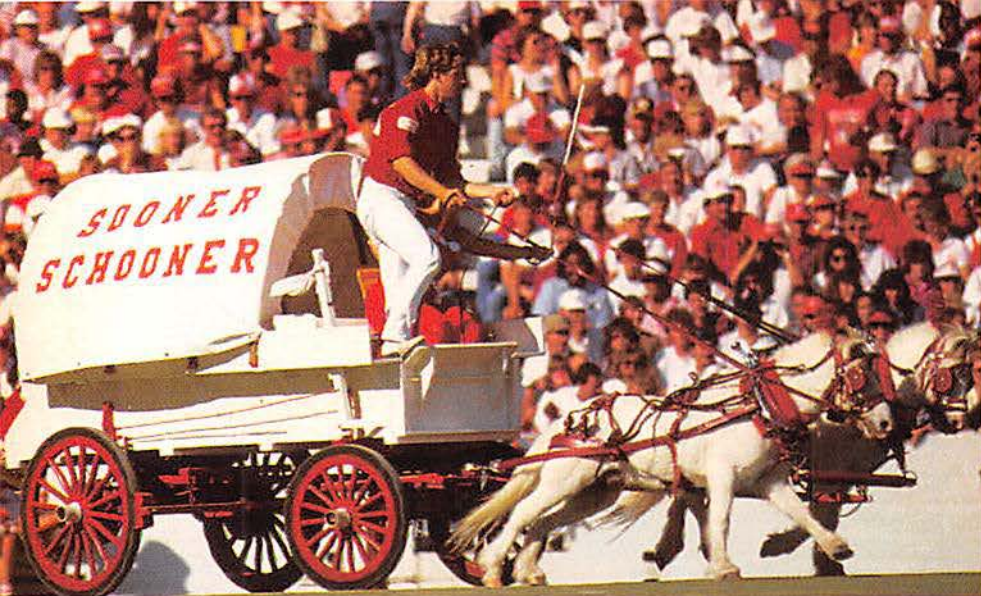
Flowers' signature. Switzer said he thought he had been entrapped. But he did not place the blame on Osborne.

The Switzer-Osborne relationship is bonded by professional respect. They are from opposite poles. Osborne is quiet, colorless and devoutly religious. Switzer is outgoing and earthy. Yet when an Oklahoma City newspaper called for Switzer to be fired in 1982 (when the Sooners were in a two-year slump), Osborne defended Switzer.

In Oklahoma's 1975 victory over Nebraska, Sooner cornerback Jerry Anderson knocked wingback Curtis Craig out of the game with a blow to the head. There was no penalty. When Switzer viewed the play on film the following day, he said, "I bet Tom will be upset when he sees this. I'm going to call him and assure him we don't coach that or approve of it." To Switzer's surprise, Osborne had no complaints. A year later, when Texas Coach Darrell Royal complained of Oklahoma's high tackling and sought to enlist Osborne's help in filing a protest to the coaches' association, the Nebraska coach declined.

Switzer is more compatible socially with Devaney. The night before the 1980 Nebraska-Oklahoma game at Lincoln, when the winner would go to the Orange Bowl and the loser to the Sun Bowl (Oklahoma went on to win the Orange Bowl game), Switzer showed up uninvited on Devaney's television show with a sack of tacos; Devaney roared with laughter. Switzer has become an annual, invited guest on Devaney's show

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Oklahoma tradition: the wagon rumbles on the field after a score.

The Great Rivalries

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the night before Oklahoma's games in Lincoln.

While Osborne is appalled by the lax and clowning manner that Oklahoma conducts its Friday practices, Switzer has never been as cavalier on the day before a game as Devaney was before the 1972 Oklahoma game. It was the retiring Devaney's farewell game at Lincoln. The Cornhuskers had failed in their bid to win three straight national championships but were heavy favorites to defeat the Sooners, whose best running backs were disabled.

After their final practice, the Cornhuskers and Devaney sat in their dressing room devouring huge amounts of ribs and bar-

becue. Devaney told jokes and the players gorged themselves.

Being overstuffed may not have been a factor, but the next day the Cornhuskers faded in the fourth quarter, after leading 14-0, and were upset 17-14.

That was the start of an amazing string of fourth-quarter comebacks by Oklahoma that haunted Osborne. Switzer, the nation's winningest active coach (by percentage), has an 11-4 record against Osborne, who ranks third behind Switzer and Joe Paterno. In six of those victories, the Sooners came from behind or broke ties in the fourth quarter. In the fourth quarters of those six games, and the 1972 game, Oklahoma outscored

Nebraska 102-7. "Fourth-quarter magic," Switzer calls it.

At Lincoln in 1974, Oklahoma clinched its first of three national championships under Switzer by storming from behind with three long touchdown drives, the last two in the fourth quarter, to win 28-14. The Sooners put themselves in position to win the 1975 title by exploding for 28 unanswered points and a 35-10 victory. They pulled out a 21-17 victory at Lincoln in 1980 on a belated 43-yard run by halfback Buster Rhymes and an improbable pass. They knocked Nebraska out of the national championship in 1984 at Lincoln with 10 points and a goal-line stand in the fourth quarter of a 17-7 upset. Last November they scored two field goals and a touchdown, primarily on tight end Keith Jackson's acrobatic receptions, in the fleeting minutes to win at Lincoln 20-17.

Sometimes it appears destiny rides shotgun for the Sooners. Their most incredible comeback occurred in 1976 at Lincoln, when both teams were off their pedestals and the winner could only share the Big Eight title with Colorado and Oklahoma State. Oklahoma's defense was ravaged by injuries and was so vulnerable that strong safety and co-captain Scott Hill, currently an Oklahoma assistant coach, said in the pregame prayer, "Please, God, don't let the best team win."

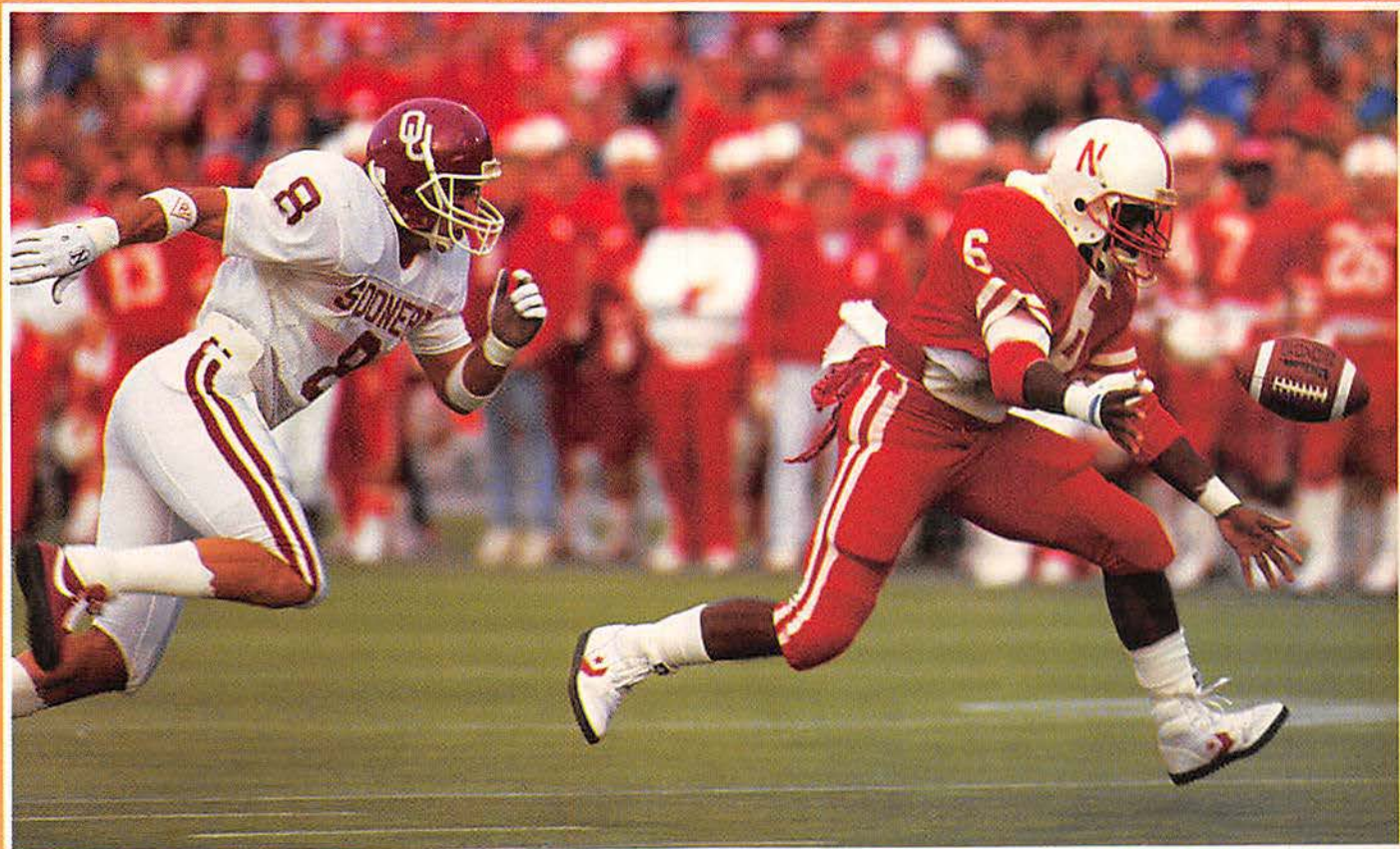
The Cornhuskers appeared to have the game won with a 17-13 lead. The Sooners were pinned near their goal line, time was running out and a wind was roaring that was cold even by Nebraska standards. Oklahoma decided to use a flea-flicker pass. Halfback Elvis Peacock was supposed to throw it but had an injured shoulder. Woodie Shepard, a reserve who had never passed in a game, startled everyone with a 47-yard bomb caught by split end Steve Rhodes. The Sooners beat the clock to score and win 20-17. Kiffin, Nebraska's defensive coordinator who had been tormented by Oklahoma's previous comebacks against his highly respected units, was so crushed that he had to be helped from the field by players.

In 1984, when Nebraska was No. 1 and out-yarded Oklahoma 373-201, the Sooners' comeback at Lincoln left Bob Kerrey, Nebraska's bachelor governor, and his friend, actress Debra Winger, and other dazed fans wondering what happened as they left the stadium.

For all the Sooners' comebacks, however, the game of games in this rivalry was won by Nebraska 16 years ago. The Cornhuskers had won the 1970 national championship with an outstanding junior class, featuring tailback Jeff Kinney and quarterback Jerry Tagge, and a marvelous sophomore wingback, Johnny Rodgers. Nebraska was favored to repeat in 1971 and was magnificent in

They all stick together at dear old Nebraska U., while the Sooner drum major struts alone.





A picture tells the '86 story: The Huskers let the game get away as the Sooners overtook them.

outclassing its opposition the entire season.

But by early October it was obvious that Oklahoma was also extraordinary, in its second season with the wishbone offense and blessed with a gifted pair of All-Americans, quarterback Jack Mildren and halfback Greg Pruitt. Excitement mounted as No. 1 Nebraska and No. 2 Oklahoma majestically marched to a season-ending showdown at Norman. Devaney had his players' food flown from Lincoln in case gamblers induced a hotel chef to give the Cornhuskers food poisoning.

Nebraska, clearly a better overall team, won 35-31. But the game lived up to its billing—the lead changed hands four times—because, Devaney acknowledged, of a tactical defensive error. The Cornhuskers moved their speedy safety, Bill Kosch, to cornerback and played him man-to-man on split end Jon Harrison. Mildren's passing to Harrison almost nullified Nebraska's superiority.

Nebraska's defensive line in 1971 was perhaps the best in Big Eight history. Tackle Larry Jacobson was the Outland Trophy winner that year, but he may have been the third-best player in the Cornhuskers' line. Nose guard Rich Glover was better (he won the Outland and Lombardi in 1972) and so was end Willie Harper (of San Francisco 49ers fame). John Dutton alternated at tackle with Bill Janssen. Monte Johnson was a backup tackle. Johnson never started at Nebraska but was a starter on the Oakland Raiders' 1977 Super Bowl champions.

Harper throttled Pruitt's sweeps, and Glover smothered everything Oklahoma tried to run inside. But Mildren made the Cornhuskers pay dearly for using all their other backs to support against the run. Mildren ran the option for 130 yards and two touchdowns. That did not surprise Nebraska nearly as much as his passing. He passed to Harrison for two touchdowns and gained 188 yards, giving him 318 yards total offense.

"Mildren was not a great passer," says Devaney, "but we made him look like he was by having Kosch, who was not used to playing man-to-man, covering Harrison by himself all over the field."

Nebraska's all-purpose excellence overcame Mildren. Rodgers scored the game's first touchdown on a 72-yard punt return. Kinney scored four touchdowns on short plunges, the last, which won the game, with less than two minutes left. Tagge completed a third-down pass to Rodgers on the winning drive. Glover's was perhaps the most dominating defensive performance of the series.

"We did not feel badly about losing the game and the national championship," Fairbanks said. "We had our time at bat; Nebraska was just better."

It was different when the Cornhuskers upset the Sooners 17-14 at Lincoln in 1978. Oklahoma was No. 1. Nebraska strong safety Jim Pillen recovered halfback Billy Sims' fumble at the Cornhuskers' 3-yard line on the Sooners' last possession, which

gave Osborne his first victory over Switzer.

"I lost the game, the national championship and the Heisman on that fumble," Sims said. He was not completely correct. He received the Heisman, but the Sooners, with that one defeat, finished third behind Alabama and Southern California.

"Most years, I think the team with the best players has won the Oklahoma-Nebraska game," Switzer says. "But not '78."

Before the series became a national attraction, Nebraska won a game that would have normally been an occasion for Lincoln to explode with celebration. It clinched Devaney's first Big Eight championship. The game was played on Nov. 23, 1963, one day after President John F. Kennedy was assassinated.

Wilkinson directed the Physical Fitness Council for Kennedy and knew the family. The Sooners were in Lincoln when they learned of the tragedy in Dallas. Many college games were canceled. After talking by telephone with Robert Kennedy, Wilkinson said the president's family felt he would have wanted the games to be played. Wilkinson met with officials of both schools and decided to proceed with the game.

Nebraska won 29-20, nailing down the conference championship and a bid to the Orange Bowl.

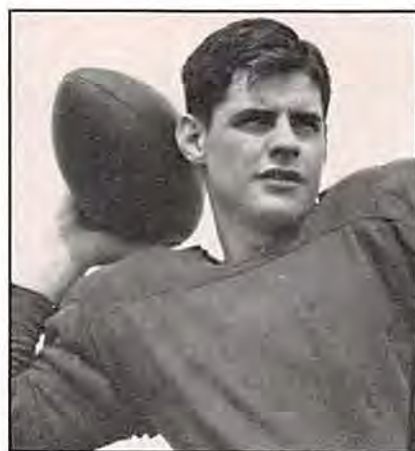
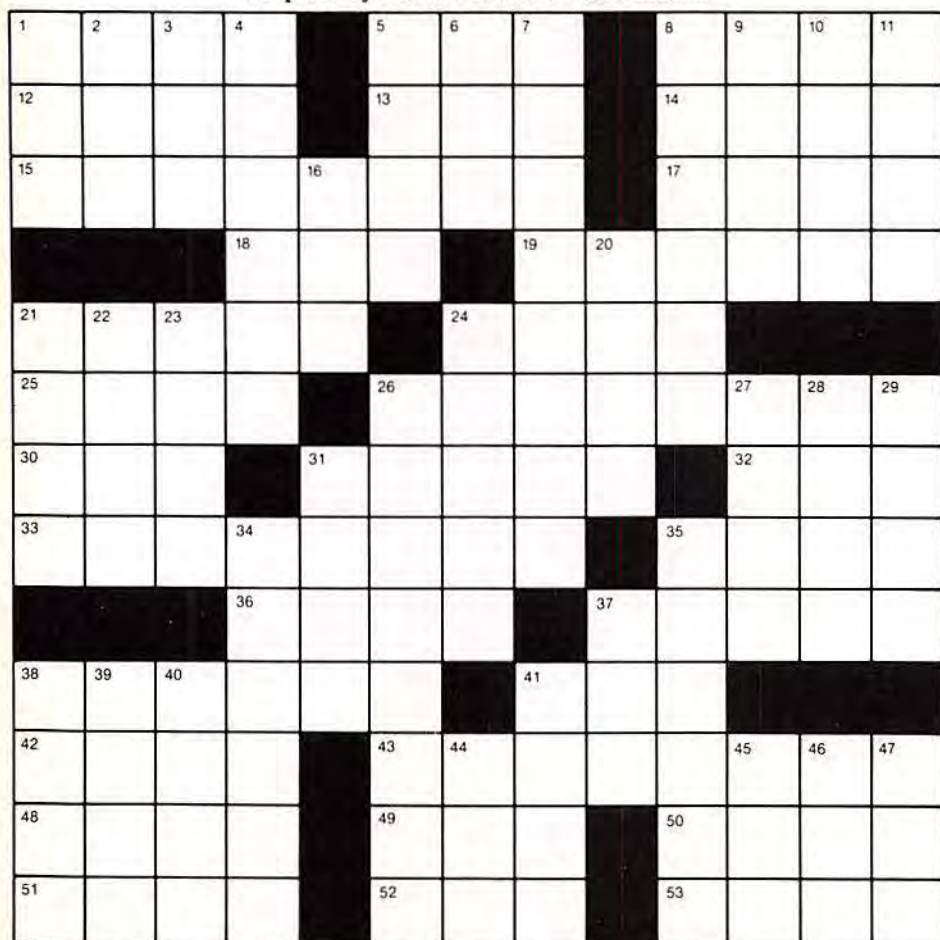
"But no one felt like celebrating," Devaney says.

Every victory in the series since then, however, has been cause for celebration.

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Questions That Deserve Answers

Prepared by Football Historian Tim Cohane



Star in 1948 Rose Bowl (21 down)



The Earle of Columbus (31 across)

ACROSS

1. Famed Hokie end
5. McCallum of Navy
8. Many college songs begin
12. Wondrous Wolverine Williamson
13. Mustang tackle, 1935 SWC champs
14. Kerr's Count of Colgate
15. Osborne's Cornhuskers
17. Hart from Turkey Creek
18. Chucklehead chant: "We're No. ___!"
19. Sooner QB, first name Gene
21. Coaches live by it
24. Where Vols' Cooper and Vandy's Parker line up (abbr.)
25. Center of Seven Iron Dukes
26. What academics too seldom get
30. Parseghian
31. Leads the Buckeyes
32. Legendary Georgetown guard
33. Officials' main action
35. Camp played/coached here: City of ____
36. Bad pep band is seldom in ____
37. Beginning of offensive drive
38. Star Texas back, 1969 champs

41. College Station team
42. Recruiter is responsible for his ____
43. They halt many a march
48. Head coach is the ____
49. Nation of football fans
50. Houston center
51. Iowa's All-Big Ten end in 1923-24
52. Former Nebraska QB ____ner Gill
53. Has finally required recruit must have the three R's

DOWN

1. Roar of the crowd
2. Daniell, Pitt Hall of Fame tackle
3. To some coaches a bad word
4. Matriculate
5. Defensive anchor; tackle or guard
6. Guard Limbo Parks' school (abbr.)
7. Never makes perfect
8. Loud protest
9. Zone defense segment
10. Penn State safety
11. Upfront
16. In '42, Holy Cross upset BC 55-12; nickname of winning coach

20. Indispensable to kicking success (two words)
21. Chappuis of Maize and Blue; nickname
22. Alums fire; ADs ____
23. First name, Badger fullback who won 1954 Heisman
24. Captain of 1937 Seven Blocks of Granite
26. Computer scouting report
27. Injuries, turnovers, penalties
28. Last quarter savior
29. "Hurry Up!"
31. UCLA colors: ____ and Gold
34. Ahead 21-0, 10 seconds to go, how do you feel, coach?
35. What Navy QB Byrne becomes in June
37. Traditional unsung (abbr.)
38. Fordham tackle of 1930s
39. Unimpeded ball carrier can ____
40. Even Messner and Bosworth need it
41. Where scouts search for soccer side-winders
44. Seminoles (abbr.)
45. Mister Inside
46. What to rate great players by
47. Destination of Annapolis graduates

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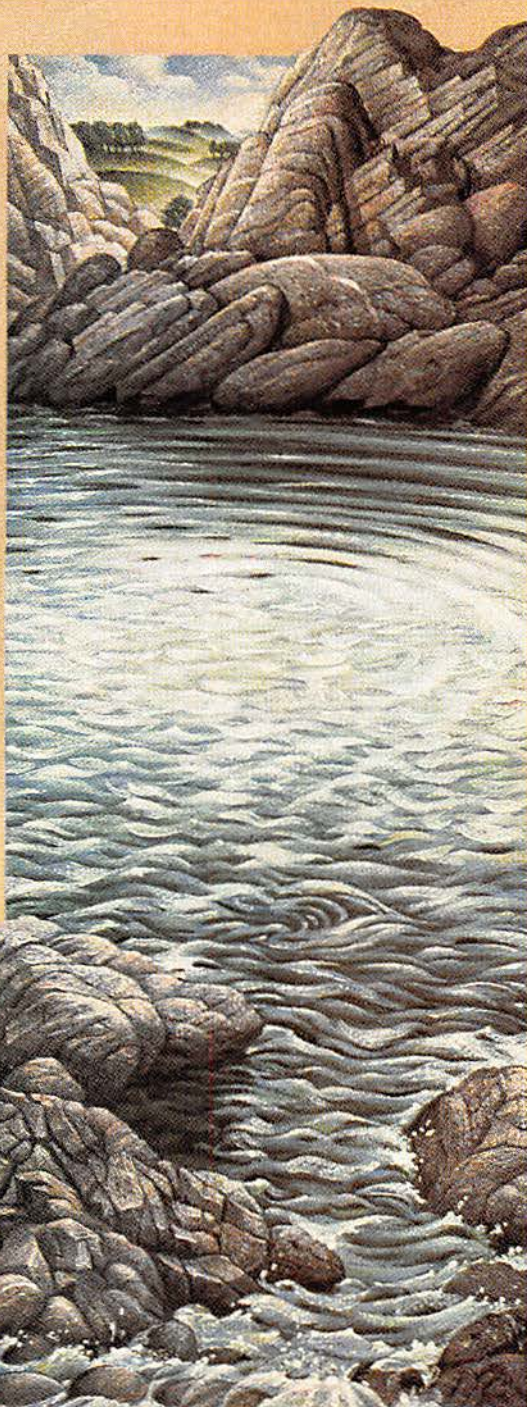
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(Big Ten Predictions continued)

as usual, be an Iowa strength, with All-Big Ten performer Rick Bayless (1,040 yards, nine TDs).

If Lorenzo White can remain healthy and regain the All-America form he showed as a sophomore, when he led the nation in rushing, Michigan State could finish in the conference's upper division. White, hampered by injuries last season, wound up seventh among Big Ten rushers with only 633 yards and a 3.9-yard average.

The defense also has the potential to be stronger than last year's unit, which was third best in the league. An experienced front features tackle Mark Nichols and end John Budde. Standout safety Todd Krumm returns in the secondary.

Indiana, which has steadily improved under Coach Bill Mallory, earned its first bowl trip last year since 1979. With 51 lettermen back, including eight offensive and seven defensive starters, the Hoosiers should continue to move up. A relatively easy early schedule will help.

Quarterback Dave Kramme returns, and Indiana still has tailback Anthony Thompson with tackle Eric Moore to open holes for him. On defense, Mallory can count on outstanding performances from linebackers Van Waiters, an All-Big Ten pick, and Willie Bates. Pencil in the Hoosiers for fifth.

Illinois' Mike White, whose teams have been known for their wide-open offense, will have to win with defense for a change. The Illini fell to a sixth-place tie in the Big Ten last year, and most of the hopes for a comeback lie with nine returning defensive starters.

There won't be enough help on offense to carry the team any higher than sixth in the standings, even though White brought in 10 junior college recruits.

At Minnesota, the story is just the opposite. The Gophers, courtesy of elusive senior quarterback Rickey Foggie and sophomore tailback Darrell Thompson, should move the ball. Foggie likes to run as well as pass, and Thompson led the Big Ten and broke Minnesota's single-season rushing record with 1,240 yards and eight TDs as a freshman.

After leading Northwestern to its best record in 13 years, Coach Francis Peay has some success and experience to build on. The good news is the return of quarterback Mike Greenfield, running back Stanley Davenport, a veteran offensive line and three returning defensive backs. The bad news is heavy losses in the defensive front. It adds up to eighth place.

New Coach Don Morton will try to improve on Wisconsin's 3-9 record, but he faces an uphill struggle. He'll pin his hopes on seven offensive regulars.

In his debut season at Purdue, Coach Fred Akers faces a similar challenge. Last year the Boilermakers were at the bottom of the Big Ten in both total offense and total defense, and improvement will be slow.

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ALL-BIG TEN

Offense

Placekicker
Chip
Lohmiller
Minnesota

Jamie
Morris
Michigan

Darrell
Thompson
Minnesota

Lorenzo
White
Michigan State

Rickey
Foggie
Minnesota

Mike
Flagg
Iowa

John
Elliott
Michigan

Bob
Kratch
Iowa

John
Vitale
Michigan

Paul
Gruber
Wisconsin

Eric
Moore
Indiana

Cris
Carter
Ohio State

Scott
Davis
Illinois

Mark
Messner
Michigan

Dave
Haight
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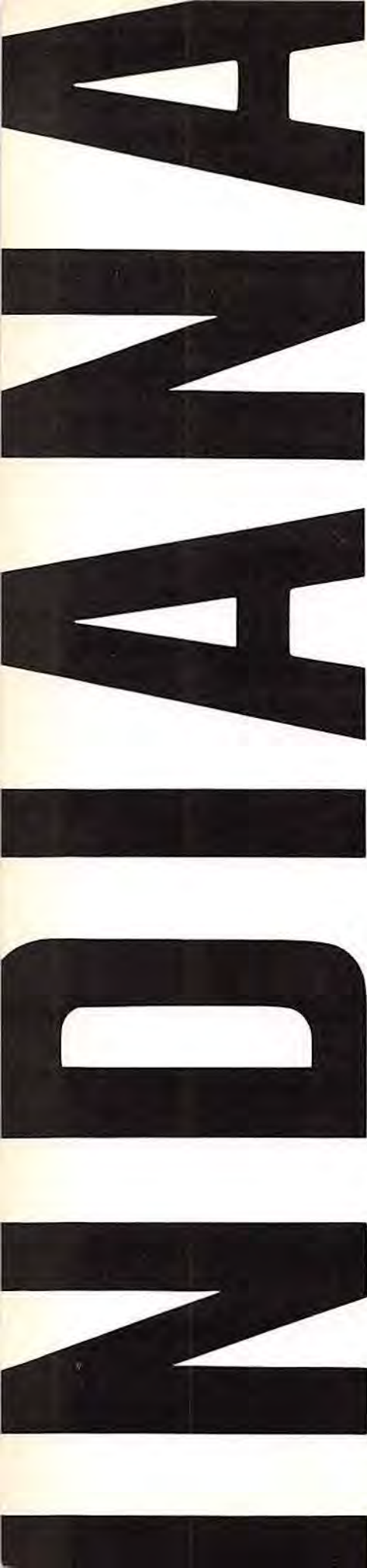
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Bobby
Dawson
Illinois

Brett
Whitley
Northwestern

Punter
Scott
Cepicky
Wisconsin

Defense



And Walter Mondale thought the fall of 1984 was bad. Indiana Coach Bill Mallory would have traded places cheerfully that autumn with a fellow who had one rather lousy Tuesday in November. Mallory had 11 sour Saturdays. Indiana had its first 0-11 season in Mallory's first year as head coach. "I was like anybody else: I thought, 'That will never happen to me,'" Mallory says.

Van Waiters didn't have a particularly good time that fall, either. The year before, he had traveled from his Florida home to Indiana to play football for Sam Wyche. A year later Wyche was coaching in the NFL, and Waiters was off the Indiana team and off scholarship, paying his own way.

Waiters was a runaway Big Ten leader in sacks, and he set Indiana records with 22 behind-the-line tackles for 145 yards in losses.

"It was tough," Waiters says. "I wasn't quite sure if I was going to play here again." (Mallory made no promises when he dropped Waiters for an off-season violation.) "He just told me to see him after the season, and we'd talk about it."

Now *those* are humble beginnings. Mallory, Waiters and Indiana football have made enormous gains since then.

Mallory was the Big Ten's 1986 Coach of the Year for taking Indiana to a winning season (6-5) and the All-American Bowl last year.

Waiters was All-Big Ten at outside linebacker and a third-team All-America selection. When Indiana passed out awards at the team's annual banquet, Waiters was called to the front so often Mallory quipped, "I hope you brought a truck, Van."

The climax for Indiana football in 1986 came on the first weekend of November. As the Hoosiers were preparing to leave for their flight to Lansing to play Michigan State, Director of Athletics Ralph Floyd was called off a team bus to take a telephone call. Minutes later Floyd summoned Mallory and told him what he had just heard: The Indiana University board of trustees had just approved a three-year contract extension for Mallory, taking him through the 1991 season.

It didn't have to be done. Mallory's original contract ran through 1988. That's what made it special. It was a decision of choice, not force. "I was very pleased, to say the least," Mallory says. "I want to stay. I want to take this program and make it better."

The next day, the Hoosiers won at Michigan State in a collision of bowl-conscious teams 17-14. They won despite losing their starting quarterback on the first series of downs. They won with a performance by Waiters that All-America selectors were checking out. "I don't know if anybody ever plays a perfect game," Michigan State Coach George Perles said, "but he came darned close to it."

Waiters was a runaway Big Ten leader in sacks, and he set Indiana records with 22 behind-the-line tackles for 145 yards in losses. Only All-American Andre Tippett of Iowa's 1981 Rose Bowl team (20 tackles for 153 yards in losses) had comparable numbers among the Big Ten's recent outside rushers.

"If you watch, you can see that Andre Tippett, Lawrence Taylor, Chip Banks and all the great pro outside linebackers play with a lot of intensity," says Waiters. "You see them knocking people down and constantly making things happen."

"That's a part of the game I really had to work on. That was proved to me when Coach Mallory got here and wasn't satisfied with my play. I wasn't as intense as I needed to be."

That's where the hole in Waiters' football life—that missing season of 1984—fits in. "There was a lot to think about and decisions to make," Waiters says. "I had a semester off to think about what my life was going to be."

Sitting out the 1984 season, Waiters didn't even go to home games. "I watched them on television," he says, "but I just couldn't go to the games. You just don't know what to do. I was used to doing things, being at practice. It did help me to mature. There's a fine line between right and wrong. That's what I mostly thought about: stay on that right side, no matter what. I had the time to decide what is really important to me."

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← Linebackers Willie Bates (81) and Brad Mitchell (57) form a terrible twosome—in enemy eyes.

(Indiana continued)

Mallory didn't rush Waiters into the lineup after reinstating him. He was a backup in 1985. The next season he came into his own, and now he's a cornerstone as Mallory seeks to improve his bowl team.

The Hoosiers should be better. They return starters at eight offensive and seven defensive positions, plus both kickers, senior punter Dan Stryzinski and junior placekicker Pete Stoyanovich.

There is a question at quarterback, but it's not one that troubles Mallory. His starter will be Dave Kramme, a fifth-year senior who had a .544 completion average and threw for 1,334 yards last year, or sophomore Dave Schnell, who won the starting job in the eighth week and lost it when he suffered a shoulder separation in the ninth.

Schnell was back and passing accurately in spring practice. He threw for 257 yards in the spring game. Senior wide receiver Ernie Jones caught passes covering 191 yards.

Schnell and Jones were high school rivals in Elkhart, Ind. "The Elkhart connection," says Schnell, whose Central team had the better of it in intra-city dueling with Jones' Memorial High.

Sophomore running back Anthony Thompson was Mallory's prize recruiting catch in 1985. Thompson severely bruised a thigh in preseason practice last year and wasn't cleared to work out until the campaign was three weeks old.

He worked his way into the starting lineup in the same game that Schnell started, a 21-7 victory over Wisconsin. That day Thompson ran for 207 yards, breaking the Big Ten freshman record that had stood since Hall of Famer Alan Ameche set it with 200 yards for Wisconsin against Minnesota in 1951. Next-best was 192, by Archie Griffin of Ohio State against Illinois in 1972. It's classy company for Thompson. Griffin won two Heisman Trophies and Ameche one.

Although he didn't start a game until November, Thompson finished fifth in Big Ten rushing and totaled 679 yards.

Thompson was more of a spring concern for Mallory than Schnell. In the early spring, Thompson went down with a knee injury and had arthroscopic surgery. But the outlook is favorable.

Eric Moore (6-7, 280), an all-league nominee for the Hoosiers at offensive tackle, attested to Thompson's ability after the 207-yard game against Wisconsin.

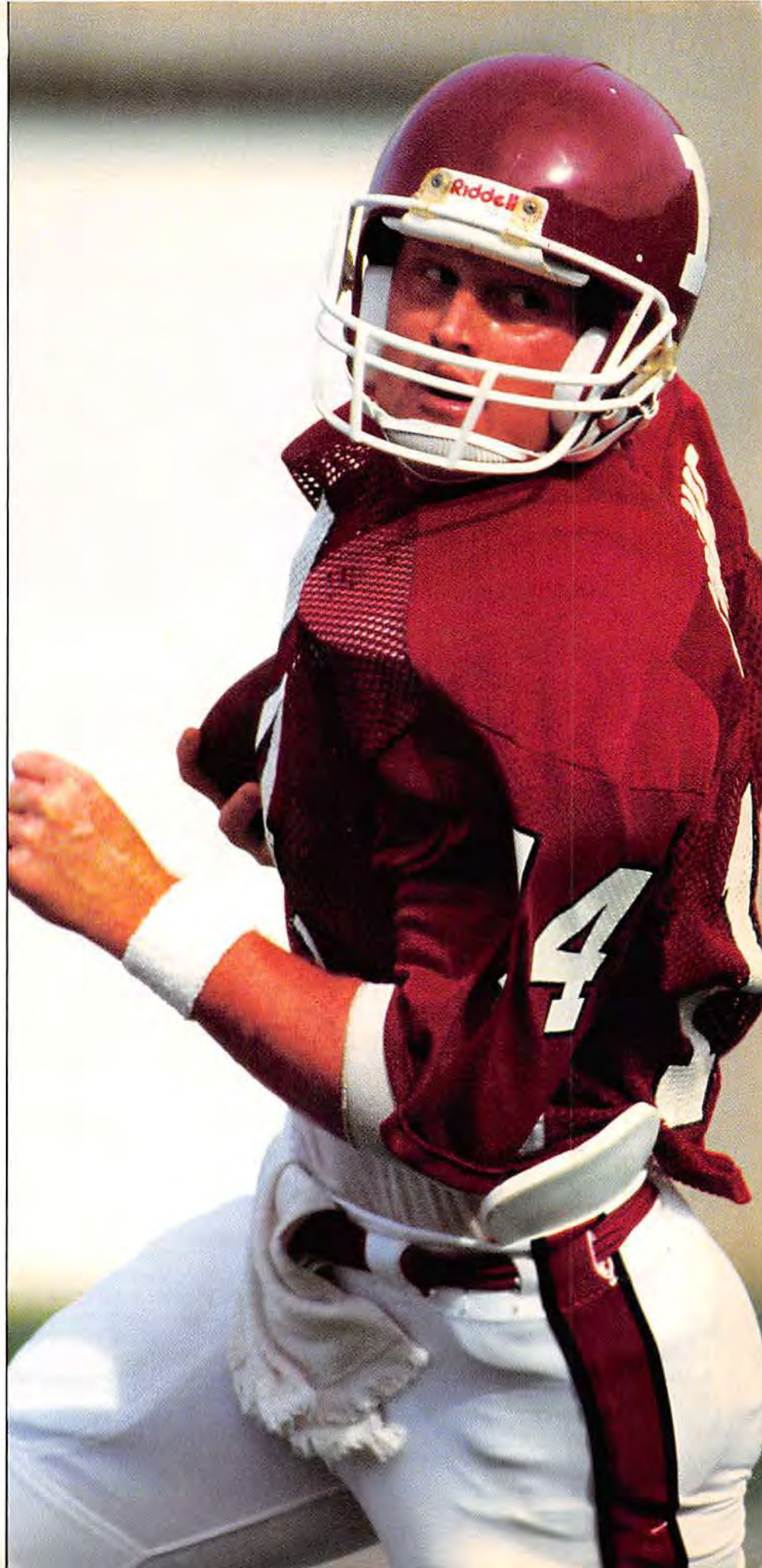
"With him in there, you know that if you get stuffed at the line, he's going to run right into you and knock you a little bit forward," Moore, a senior, says.

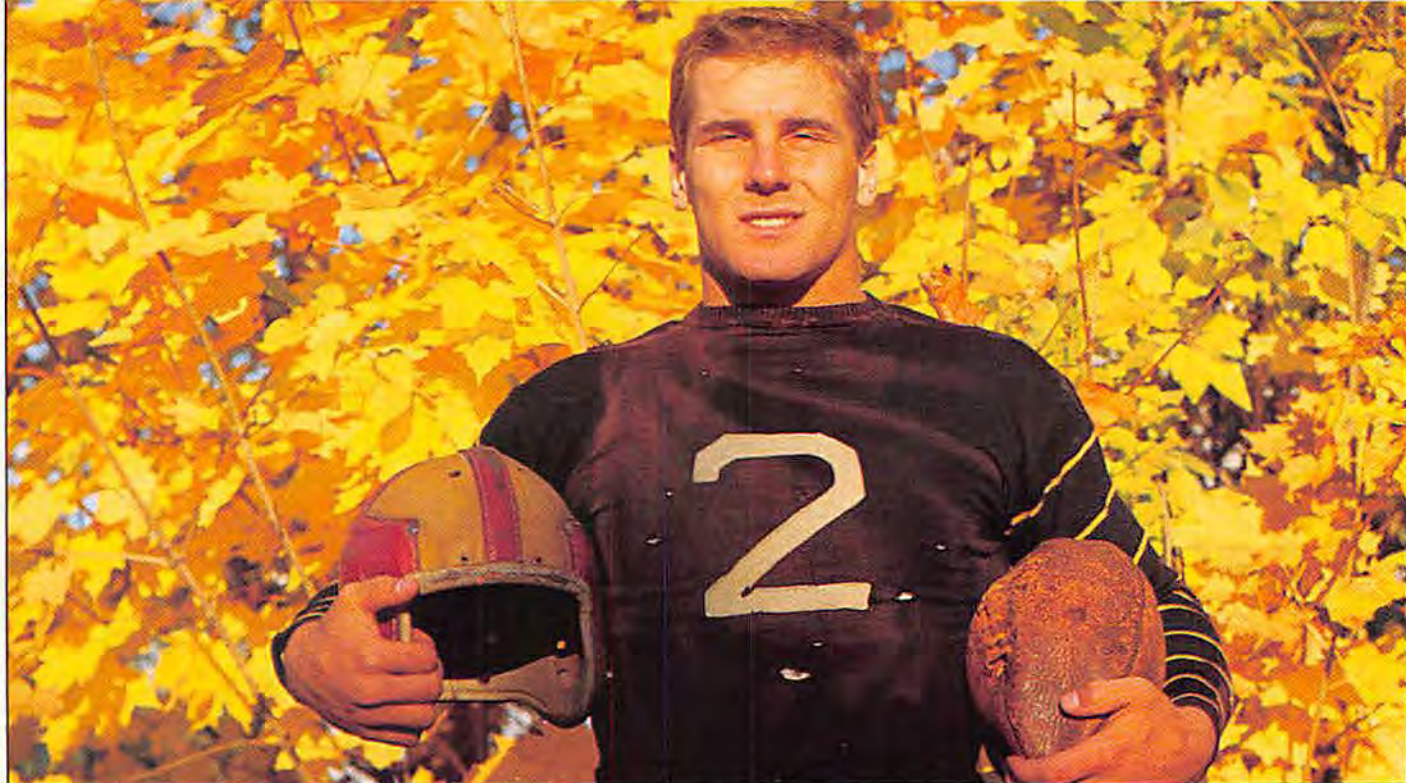
"He did that once to me and it was like saying, 'Get going!' You don't want that to happen, so you make sure you get your guy off the line and keep Thompson from running up your back."

Other returning tackle lettermen are seniors

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The Hoosiers will be strong on offense with fifth-year senior quarterback Dave Kramme.





Gordie Lockbaum poses with the accouterments of football's antiquity, proper because, playing both ways (offense-defense), he's an anachronism.

A One-Man Gang, No One Way About It

by Dick Fenlon

Gordie Lockbaum has become accustomed to being referred to as a throwback to another era. However, probably because he is at that priceless stage in life when anyone over 30 must seem to be a living fossil, it appears that he is not quite sure when that era was.

Question: "Gordie, don't you think it would have been fun to play the game back when there were 11 people like you on every team?"

Answer: "Oh, I don't know. They didn't have much equipment in those days, did they? Besides, this way it's pretty much out of the ordinary. It's kind of neat in that sense."

Gordon Carl Lockbaum of Glassboro, N.J., and Holy Cross College, is more than out of the ordinary, and more than neat. He's a full-blown phenomenon—the most publicized two-way offensive-defensive player since Leroy Keyes made All-America at Purdue in 1967 and 1968. Keyes made it as an offensive back, but also was a part-time defensive back. Just as Lockbaum is now doing, he did it while competing against players who performed exclusively on offense or defense.

But Lockbaum, who became a two-way

player at tailback and cornerback last season after starting at strong safety as a sophomore in 1985, plays more on defense than Keyes did. And he could go Keyes one better. Lockbaum is a candidate for the Heisman Trophy, won by O. J. Simpson in Keyes' senior season of 1968. Lockbaum finished fifth in the voting to Vinny Testaverde of Miami as a junior in 1986.

To win the Heisman, Lockbaum will need more than another memorable year. He will need to overcome whatever reservations the electorate might have about voting college football's most publicized award to a player who labors, however effectively and remarkably, in less glamorous and less publicized Division I-AA.

"I don't want to think about it too much," Lockbaum says of the Heisman, "because it would put too much pressure on me. I think if we keep on winning, I'll naturally get a lot of attention. If we stop winning, it won't happen at all. So the biggest thing for me is to concentrate on Holy Cross winning."

How did Lockbaum do that last year?

As tailback and cornerback, he played 105 downs against Lehigh in the 1986 opener, ran

six times for 29 yards, caught a 20-yard pass, made five tackles, intercepted a pass and returned it 34 yards, and recovered two fumbles, one for a touchdown.

And that was only the beginning. In the Crusaders' two games against Division I-A teams—a 17-14 win over Army and a 56-26 loss to Boston College that spoiled a perfect season—Lockbaum was even busier.

Against Army, he was on the field for 143 plays, gained 40 yards in 11 runs and 73 on four pass receptions, made 19 tackles and assisted on three others. He helped preserve the victory by breaking up a pass on the Cadets' final drive.

Against archrival BC, he played 113 downs, gained 22 yards in three carries, caught 10 passes for 104 yards and two touchdowns, returned seven kickoffs for 107 yards, had 233 all-purpose yards, made a tackle and caused a fumble, and downed a punt on the 1-yard line.

Here's the final accounting:

- Took part in 1,005 of 1,599 plays, averaging 91 a game.
- Had 46 tackles, caused two fumbles, re-

covered two fumbles and intercepted a pass.

- Gained 827 yards and scored 14 touchdowns rushing, leading the team.

- Caught 57 passes for 860 yards and scored eight touchdowns on receptions, also leading the team.

- Returned 21 kickoffs for 452 yards.

- Ranked third nationally in Division I-AA with 2,173 all-purpose yards and accounted for more than 45 percent of Holy Cross' offensive yards.

- Led Division I-AA in scoring with 132 points on 22 touchdowns and one rare misdirection play.

"Against Colgate, I got knocked out of the game with a helmet in the face in the first quarter and had to have a few stitches (nine)," Lockbaum explains. "I came back in the second quarter. The first play was our most basic play, and, wouldn't you know, I ran it the wrong way. Coach took me out and asked me what I was doing. I couldn't tell him but I know it wasn't because of the hit."

The opposition surely grows weary of All-Around Lockbaum's presence on the field. One wonders if All-Around Lockbaum tires.

"Halfway through the first series, if it's a long series, I'm ready to go to the sideline for a break," he admits. "Then I ask myself, 'Why? You're going to get your second wind in a minute.' And a couple of plays later, I feel fine."

"I went for it from Day One when all of this started. I don't know how to describe it. There's just something inside me that makes me want to stay on the field. I convince my body that it's not tired. A lot of it is mental—not letting yourself think you're tired and persuading yourself to play on."

The Gordie Lockbaum phenomenon was born during spring practice in 1986. The Crusaders needed insurance at running back. Coach Mark Duffner, who had personally recruited Lockbaum, knew that he had been even better as a running back at Glassboro High than as a defensive back. "We felt we'd be covered by teaching Gordie the basic running plays," he says.

If there was a perfect player to pick to turn back the clock, it was 5-11, 195-pound Lockbaum.

"Duffner knew all about him," says John Aveni, who coached Lockbaum in high school. "Gordie was one of the leading scorers in the state. He was our leading ground gainer and pass receiver. And he was as good defensively as offensively."

"But there was more to it than that. Gordie not only has outstanding physical talent, he's never out of the game mentally. I remember one day during practice, just as a joke, we told one of our guards to go down as if he had hurt his ankle. Then we told Gordie to jump in at guard, and we ran a few plays. We didn't have to tell him what to do. That was the thing about Gordie. He not only knew his own position, he

knew everyone else's position on the team."

Lockbaum was that rarity of a prospect who had more than a choice of colleges. He had a choice of positions. Syracuse sought him as a defensive back. Rutgers wanted him as a runner. And so it went. Lockbaum chose Holy Cross because to him it offered the right mix of academics and athletics. Duffner chose Lockbaum because Division I-AA schools, in particular, seek multipurpose players who can, if needed, play more than one position. But even the I-As, limited to 70 scholarships, rarely ask them to play both offense and defense in the same game.

In another era, it was common, of course. In 1953, unlimited substitution was outlawed by the rules committee. It was restored in 1964. Players who had played only on offense or on defense suddenly found themselves going both ways. Bud Wilkinson, molder of three national champions at Oklahoma, still maintains it is the way the game should be played. So does Dave Nelson, a teammate of All-America halfback Tom Harmon at Michigan who gained fame as a coaching innovator at Delaware. Nelson is the recognized guru of the rules of the game.

"I bring it up every year," Nelson says. "I think it must be really demeaning if you're a defensive end and you spend the whole game doing nothing more than chucking an opposing lineman. That's like working on the assembly line at Chrysler."

"But it's never going to come back, and the reason is that most of these guys coaching now have never heard of it. They think you're nuts when you talk about it. They have no knowledge or appreciation of how it was."

And how was it? Well, consider:

Johnny Unitas was modern pro football's prototype dropback quarterback, the man whose passing artistry, borne by the infant miracle of television, made a place for the NFL in America's living rooms in the 1950s. The

Lockbaum is the busiest player in today's game.



Baltimore Colts hired man-mountains like Jim Parker and Art Spinney and ordered them to protect him. What Unitas remembers about his college days, as much as anything, is playing quarterback and defensive back for Louisville in a 59-6 loss to Tennessee in 1953. So much for the precious quarterback.

At Rice, Frank Ryan, who went on to quarterbacking renown with the Cleveland Browns, was also a linebacker. "One of the standard defenses in those days was the 5-4, with two deep backs, and I ended up being one of the outside linebackers," he says. "I'll never forget the time we were playing LSU and the line opens a hole and there I am—the linebacker between Jim Taylor and the goal line. I got him—but he got a piece of me, too."

Howard "Hopalong" Cassady, who won the Heisman Trophy at Ohio State in 1955, was a halfback on offense and safety on defense. As a junior in 1954, he played 450 of a possible 600 minutes in 10 games, including the Rose Bowl. He was famous for offensive exploits, but his play of the year was a defensive gem. It was an 88-yard interception return, though not for a touchdown, against Wisconsin. It turned around a 7-3 deficit and headed the Buckeyes toward a 31-14 win over the previously unbeaten Badgers in a game that was critical in deciding the Big Ten's Rose Bowl representative.

Although not always so spectacularly, ironmen used to do that. It is a rarity, and even more of a treat, when a Gordie Lockbaum does it now.

"I kept asking him during that first game against Lehigh, 'How do you feel?' " Duffner remembers of the grand experiment. "And he would be very honest about it. Then, as the season wore on, we'd take him out of games we had control of, and he'd want to go right back in. I could only think, 'Good Lord, we've created a monster; he wants to play all the time.' "

Is this, perhaps, the start of a trend? Are there more Gordie Lockbaums out there, merely waiting to be created?

"I-A schools have more scholarships, so they can be a little different in their outlook," Duffner says. "I think that other I-AA schools could do what we did. We just took a shot at it and it worked."

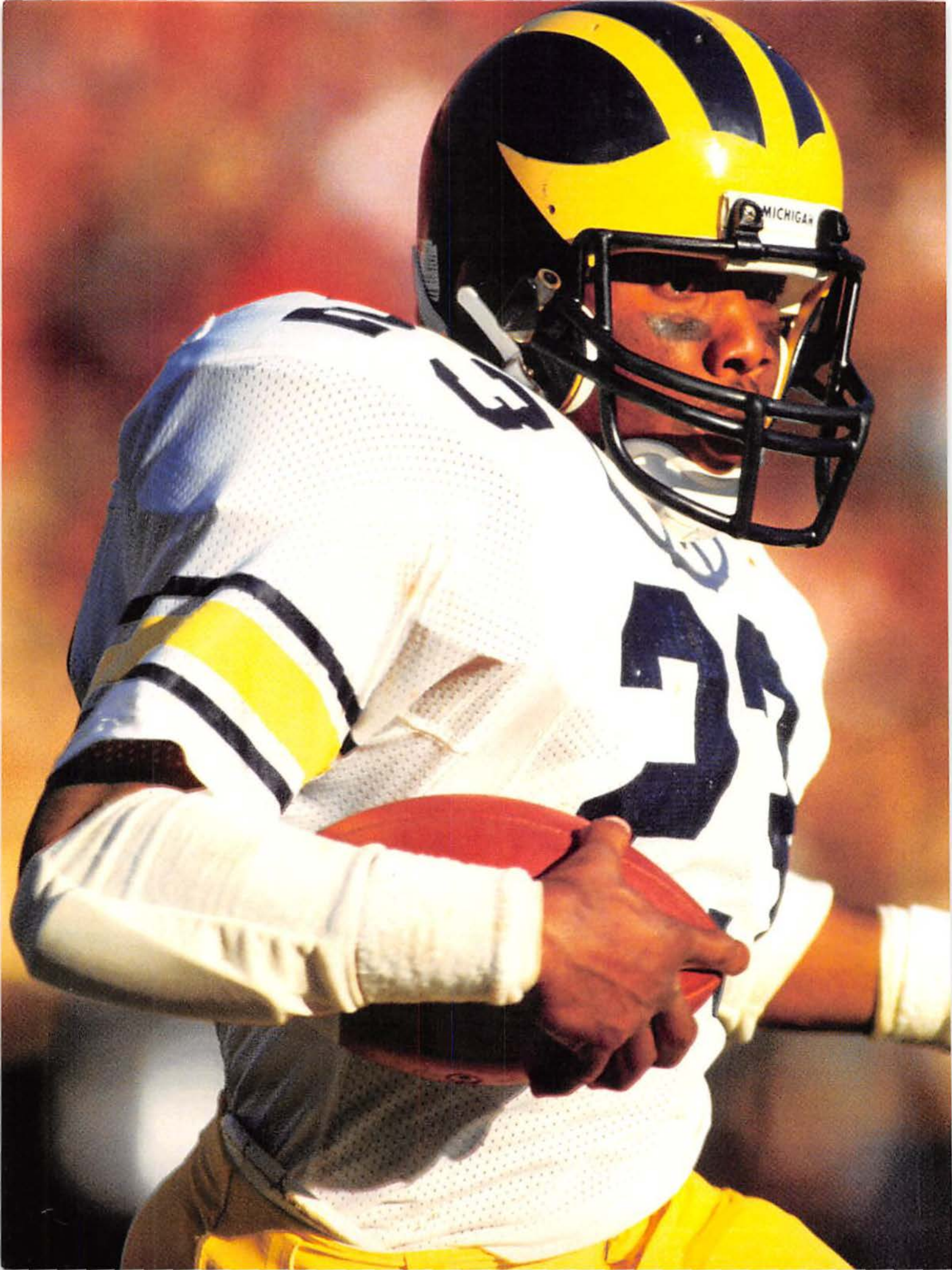
"But it takes a special young man, one who can think and react on his feet. It takes more than just a fine athlete. He's got to be intelligent. Remember, he's only going to get about half the practice time as other players."

And no time to relax.

"I think back to how it used to be in practice," Lockbaum says. "Sometimes, when the second-team guy is in, you're just standing around on the sideline. But that's not the way it is anymore. Instead of standing around on defense, I go on the offense. Or vice versa."

Heisman voters would do well to keep that in mind this season.

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← **Jamie Morris** sights a unique Michigan record: three straight 1000-yard seasons, including bowls.

(Michigan continued)

240 yards and a touchdown. He's sixth on Michigan's all-time reception list. Flanker John Kolesar, who sealed a win over Ohio State in 1985 by catching a Harbaugh bomb and turning it into a 77-yard touchdown, is back after missing much of last season because of a broken collarbone. He has a 27.8-yard average in 27 career receptions. Sophomore Greg McMurtry, perhaps Michigan's most publicized recruit last season, made 22 catches for a 23.1-yard average as Kolesar's replacement.

At fullback, sophomore Leroy Hoard and Jarrod Bunch challenge senior Phil Webb as the replacement for the graduated tandem of Gerald White and Bob Perryman.

"The offense will be good enough," Schembechler says. "I don't think it will hold us down. What it all boils down to is this: If the defense is strong, we'll have a shot."

The Wolverines lost three starters from the secondary: cornerback Garland Rivers and safeties Tony Gant and Ivan Hicks.

"I'm very much concerned about the secondary," Schembechler says. "I don't feel comfortable back there."

The strong safety will be Doug Mallory, who started two games, including the Rose Bowl. Erik Campbell will move from cornerback to free safety.

Fifth-year senior letterman Allen Bishop and sophomore David Key, the latter moving from the offense, contend for the strong corner position. Junior David Arnold leads the group at the other cornerback slot.

The defensive front is worry-free. Returning are senior Mark Messner (6-3, 250) and Dave Folkertsma (6-5, 263) at tackle, and senior middle guard Billy Harris (6-0, 260). Messner, All-Big Ten in '86, and Harris have started every game for two seasons. White, a junior, is one of the returning tackle lettermen and benefited from a strong spring showing.

Senior Andree McIntyre (6-1, 241), who was second to the departed Andy Moeller in total tackles last season with 91, is a fixture at inside linebacker. He is expected to be joined there by 6-1, 237-pound junior J.J. Grant, who played in every game last season. Sophomore Marc Spencer (6-5, 238) was hampered by injury much of spring practice.

Seniors John Willingham (6-3, 235), Carlitos Bostic (6-2, 231) and Steve Thibert (6-5, 240) lead the outside linebackers. Willingham finished second to Messner with four sacks. He has started 12 straight games. Bostic had won a starting job before injuring a knee.

The kicking game is sound. Senior punter Monte Robbins returns for a fourth season after averaging 44 yards. Junior Mike Gillette is Michigan's third-leading career field-goal kicker and set a distance record with a 53-yarder in '86. He made 11 of 16 field-goal attempts and all 25 extra-point attempts.

When Harbaugh went down in 1984, Michigan stumbled to a 6-6 record that included a



Blocking All-Big Ten defensive tackle Mark Messner (60) is a throat-tightening affair.

24-17 loss to Brigham Young in the Holiday Bowl. Never, in 24 coaching seasons, has Schembechler come closer to a losing record. The Wolverines recovered to go 10-1-1 in 1985—losing only to Iowa, tying Illinois and beating Nebraska 27-23 in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. Last season's 11-2 record was marred only by the 20-17 defeat by Minnesota and the 22-15 loss to Arizona State in the Rose Bowl.

In his 18 seasons at Michigan, Schembechler has lost only 21 games to Big Ten opponents. Over the same span, he has lost seven of eight to the Pacific-10 in the Rose Bowl. So,

not surprisingly, the Wolverines have a mission.

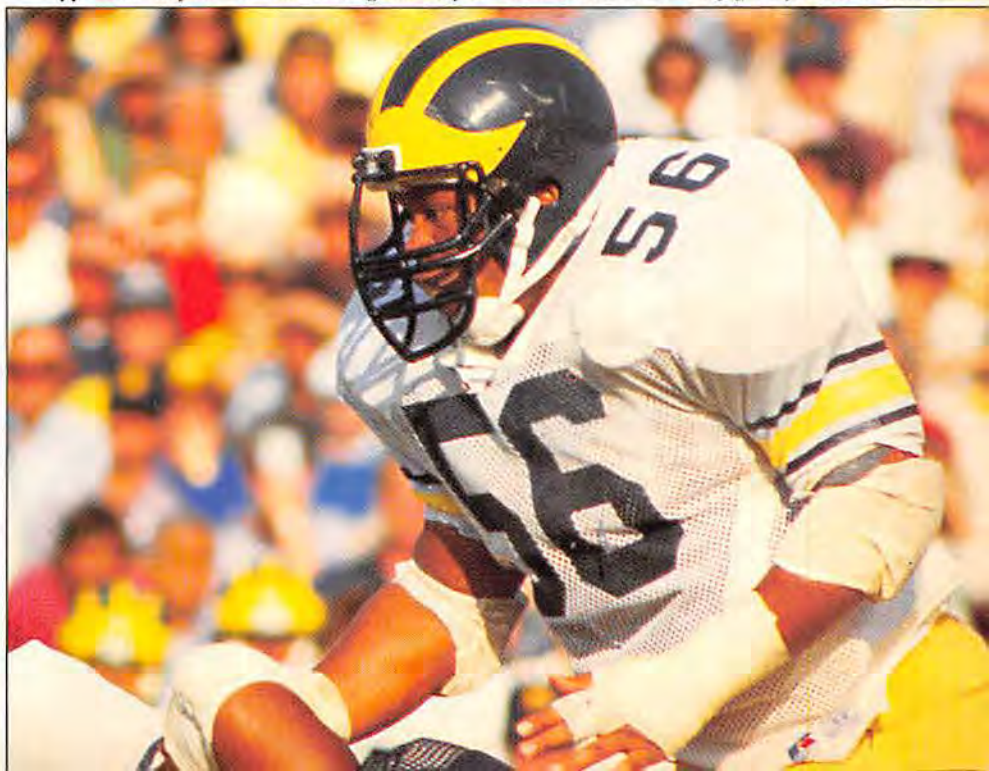
"We'd definitely like to get the Big Ten title again," Elliott says, "and we don't want to share it. We'd love to go to California again."

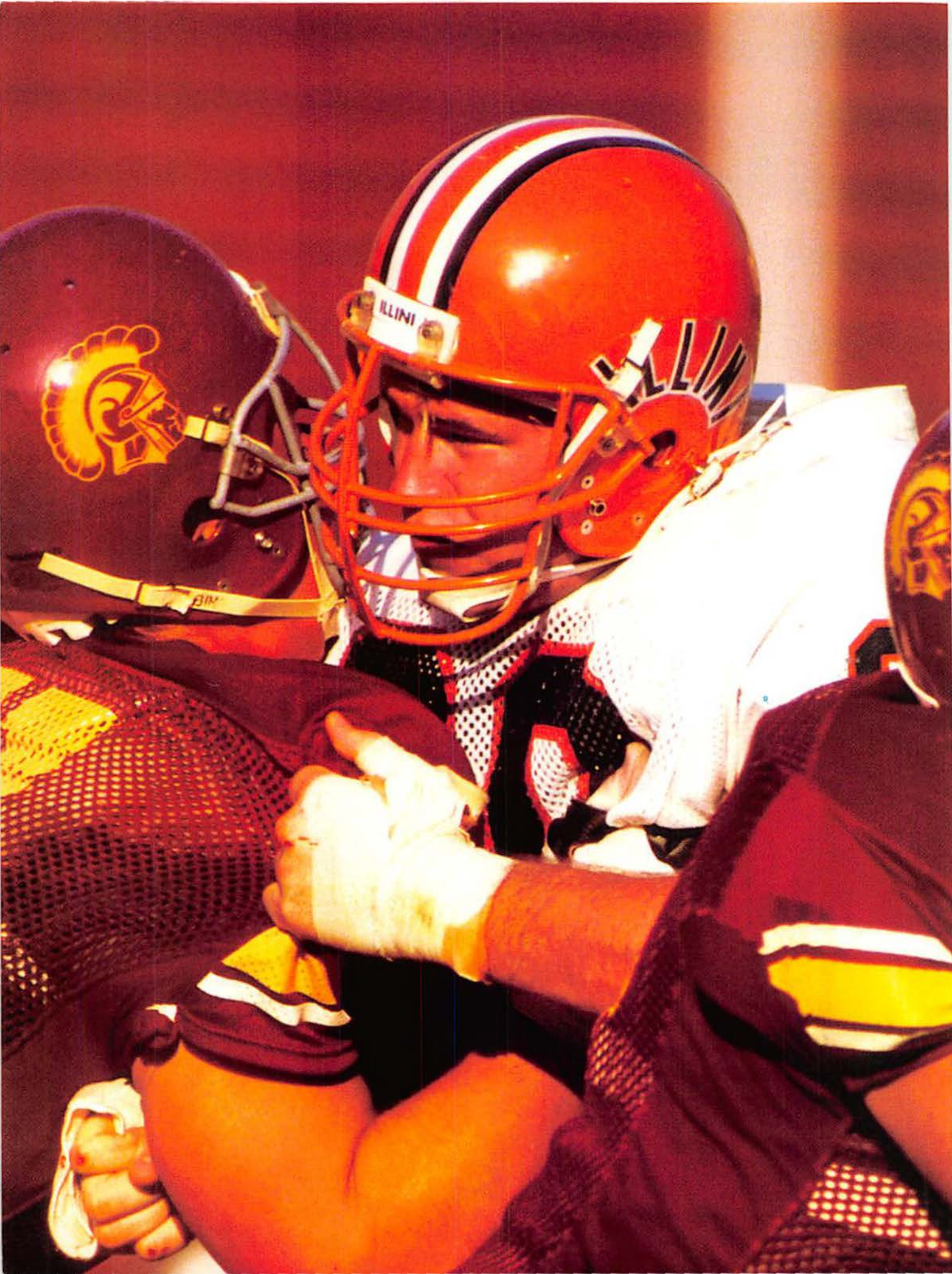
"I felt sorry for the seniors," Morris says of the Rose Bowl game. "I want to go back and win this year for the guys who won't have the chance. We have to make the trip to the Rose Bowl—not necessarily to prove to the people that we can win out there but to prove it to ourselves."

"This team," Schembechler says, looking at the bottom line, "better not go 6-6."

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Opponents are familiar with middle guard Billy Harris, who has started every game for two seasons.





← *Face-to-face with end Scott Davis is a tough spot for opposing blockers.*

(Illinois continued)

Other starters could be seniors De La Garza, Craig Moore (5-11, 195) and Lou Campos (6-3, 215), and sophomores Steve Glasson (6-3, 224), Jason Guard (6-2, 230), John Wachter (6-3, 224) or Kurt Gregus (6-0, 218) at the other three linebacking spots; junior college transfer Glenn Cobb at free safety; and senior African Grant at right cornerback. Senior Jim Blondell (6-1, 258) is an experienced backup in the line.

"There was a lot of tension last year when we didn't win. . . . But it could be real fun this year."

Improvement is expected from senior punter Chad Little and sophomore placekicker Chris Siambekos. But White still needs a dependable kickoff man. Kickoff and punt returns should be handled capably by Jones and Usher.

White has been criticized in the past, primarily by high school coaches in Illinois, for recruiting too many California junior college players while Michigan and Ohio State build by nurturing high school talent.

White has answered that the guts of his 1983 Rose Bowl team were homegrown. And he took great pains to recruit in-state prospects in the last two years. But the results haven't been encouraging, perhaps explaining why he chose to bring in 10 junior college players last winter.

White recruited 19 high school seniors in 1982, 17 in 1983 and 17 in 1984. Thirty-two of the 53 prospects were from Illinois. But only 10 have contributed significantly to the program and only four—Ellsworth, Davis, Schertz and Scully—figure to start this fall. In fact, 27 of the original freshman recruits didn't even complete their eligibility at Illinois.

Compare those figures to the productivity of the junior college transfers. Of 25 who enrolled in 1982-84, 20 earned starting roles or emerged from last spring's workouts as starters. Only two failed to complete their eligibility at Illinois.

Michigan's Bo Schembechler and Ohio State's Earle Bruce may be able to win without injections of junior college blood, but White's program seems to be better off for the quick fix.

"There is a resurgence in the wake of our internal changes, in the wake of the smooth transition our coaches made, that has regenerated enthusiasm in our program," White says.

"A foundation was laid last spring for this fall's preparation. The players are excited. We're confident we have the right people in the right places. There was a lot of tension last year when we didn't win. Some people played fearful and cautious of making mistakes. But it could be real fun this year."

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→ *Shouldering the load at cornerback is no problem for Keith Taylor (4).*



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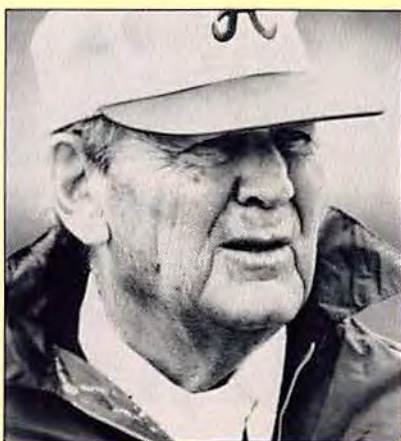
As Thousands Cheered

A History of American Football

by George Leonard



Red Grange: "a genius of motion."



Paul Bryant couldn't bear to lose.

Roy Riegels hadn't even been born when the first wrong-way incident took place.

In the Rose Bowl game of 1929, Riegels, California center, recovered a Georgia Tech fumble, became confused and lit out for his own goal line 65 yards away. But something akin to that occurred over a half century before.

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Strange moves on "checkerboard."



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Walter Camp: architect of early American football.



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1888 Yale (14-0, 704 points to 0): Amos Alonzo Stagg (far left), Pudge Heffelfinger (back row, center).

Rutgers players "in his ardor forgot which way he was kicking," enabling Princeton to score. *The Targum*, Rutgers' school paper, reported it.

IN NAME ONLY

It was a spirited game of "headlong running, with shouting and frantic kicking." At one point, George Large of Rutgers and Jacob Michael of Princeton pursued the ball against a fence. Unable to check their momentum, they crashed into it, knocking a group of surprised spectators to the ground.

The tempo of the contest appalled one onlooker. He left in a huff, shouting at the athletes, "You men will come to no good Christian end." Seven of the 50 players (25 on each side) became ministers. Many were prominent citizens. Michael was dean of the Maryland faculty. Large was a state senator.

What they played 118 years ago at New Brunswick, N.J., wasn't really football. There was no tackling, no running with the ball and no passing. What it was, actually, was soccer.

Why had they played? What brought about the historic game?

The rivalry was already there. Actually, the game was the continuation or climax of an annual affray between Princeton and Rutgers students for possession of a Revolutionary War cannon. One year Princetonians ended that foolishness by sinking the weapon in concrete on their campus. Rutgers, looking for revenge, ultimately issued a challenge, immediately accepted.

Five lines, buried in the *New York Tribune*, described what happened: "Twenty-five of the students of Rutgers College played the same number of Princeton College a game of foot-ball on Saturday. After an exciting contest of one hour the Rutgers were declared the winners, the score standing 6 (goals) to 4."

Any resemblance between games in football's Stone Age and the most recent one between Penn State and Miami for the national championship may be slight.

And yet not everything is new. Presidential responsibility in the administration of athletics, for instance. That's getting considerable attention these days. Reform legislation backed by college presidents and aimed at restoring integrity to intercollegiate sports was adopted at the last NCAA convention. Back in 1873, Cornell and Michigan were all set to play in Buffalo. President Andrew White of Cornell put a stop to that. "I will not permit 30 men to travel 400 miles merely to agitate a bag of wind," he proclaimed.

Men were motivated to win national championships as long ago as 1876. The word "Champions" was painted on the ball held by Yale captain Eugene Von Voy Baker in the team picture that year. Yale was the dominant power in the 19th century with many undefeated teams. Harvard, Princeton and Pennsylvania also turned out champions.

From the beginning, nobody has ever doubted that football is a sport of men on collision courses, like the jousts of knights with lances in tournaments of the Middle Ages.

It's a sport of great intensity, a strenuous game of physical contact that will never be wholly free of injuries.

Men kicked or threw ball-like objects in ancient Egypt and Greece. China, too. In 1531 Sir Thomas Elyot wrote: "Foote Balle, wherein is nothinge but beastly furie and extreme violence."

In the early years of American football, one writer defined it as "a game for roughnecks equipped with armor."

What about the T-formation? Introduced by Clark Shaughnessy at Stanford in 1940, wasn't it? Not exactly. That was the modern T with a man in motion. Yale lined up in the original, if crude, T-formation in 1889, when Walter Camp, an unpaid volunteer and former Yale player, was in his second year as his alma mater's first coach.

If there was one, more than any other, who built the foundation of the game we know today—and there was—Walter Camp was that man. He was a 17-year-old freshman on Yale's 1876 team who played seven years. He would be revered as The Father of American Football. And rightly.

Camp it was whose creative genius led to establishing the line of scrimmage and continuity of possession. Thanks to his active mind, the quarterback appeared in 1880, 11 players on a team (1880), a system of downs and yards to gain (1882), signals (1882) and a numerical scoring system (1883).

However, Camp credited Harvard with introducing the rugby principle of running with the ball and tackling, which formed the basis for American football. These elements were first permitted in the Yale-Harvard game of 1875. If Harvard built the substructure, Camp was the architect of the superstructure.

He was the pioneer, an instrumental figure at rules committee meetings for almost half a century until his death in 1925.

By the time William W. "Pudge" Heffelfinger, Yale guard between 1888-91, was stopping the feared Princeton V trick or wedge and Frank Hinkey was stalking his prey, the game was rolling along swiftly. Heffelfinger, "the first



The Poes of Princeton, 1884-1902, grandnephews of the poet.



Pat O'Dea (left), Wisconsin's legendary punter-dropkicker, and Frank Hinkey, Yale's terrorizing All-America end, 1891-94.



Artist Frederic Remington, 1879 Yale letterman, gave us this pictorial record of action in football's early days.

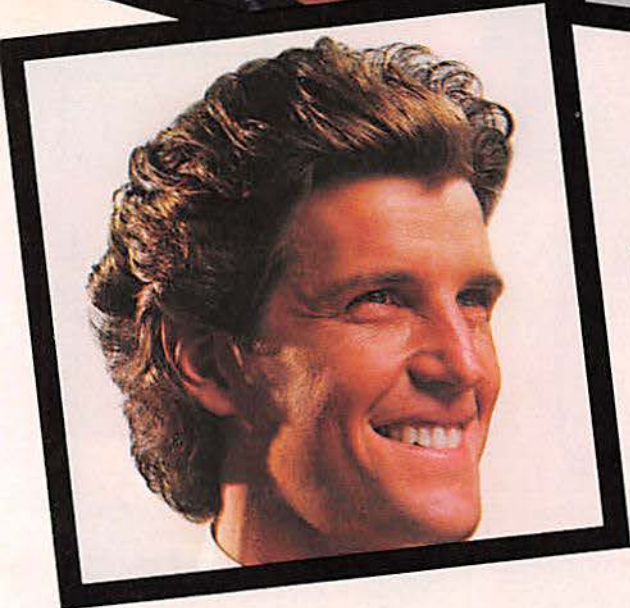
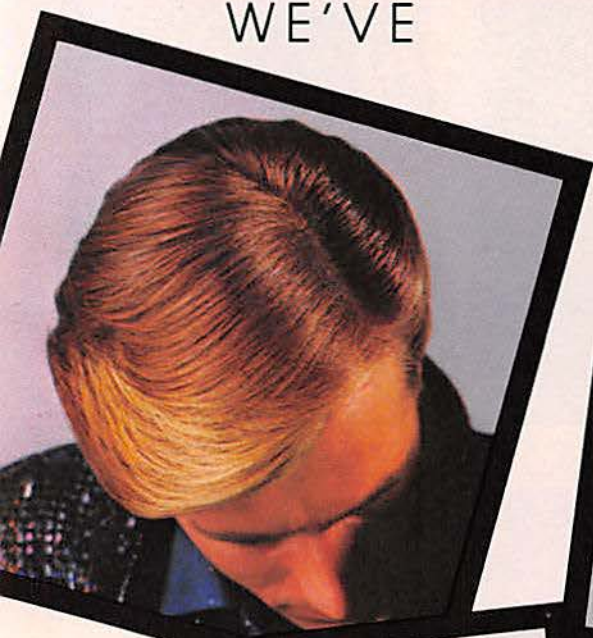
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glamour boy of linemen," as Tim Cohane, leading present-day football historian, called him, discovered a method to halt the wedge in the 1888 game. He backed up to get a running start, then charged ahead. As he neared the apex of the moving V-shaped mass, he took off, knees doubled up, and crashed against the chest of the man in front.

"Stop that stuff, Heffelfinger, or you'll kill somebody," yelled Hector Cowan, Princeton's All-America tackle (chosen in 1889 when the first All-America selection appeared).

"Stop using your wedge and I will," Heffelfinger answered.

THE FLYING WEDGE

If you ever feel foolhardy enough to pick an all-star team across the years, don't forget Heffelfinger, 6-3, 205. Born 100 years later and benefiting from modern nutrition and training, he might have been a 6-8, 295-pound giant. Everybody should be judged in relation to their times. But Heffelfinger was an All-American for the ages.

As for Hinkey, if you ever were a player, give thanks you came along too late to be tackled by this diminutive demon (5-9, 157) who rarely smiled. He knew, as a freshman in 1891, that he had a lung ailment. It finally caused his death. He had many nicknames: Consumptive Frank, The Disembodied Spirit, The Terror from Tonawanda (N.Y.), The Living Flame. Cohane theorized that the wrath Hinkey felt on the field was his subliminal way of struggling with a peril he knew he could not overcome. That knowledge may also have accounted for his love of whiskey and tobacco as a young player.

In 1892, Harvard opened the second half of the Yale game with a play that made football history: the lethal—and because of that, short-lived—flying wedge. It was conceived by Lorin F. Deland, a chess expert who never played football. His wedge differed from the Princeton V trick in that it started before the ball was put in play, thereby generating tremendous momentum of 20 to 25 yards. Harvard captain Bernie Trafford stood alone at midfield. Suddenly, rows of five men each, in single file near opposite sidelines, headed inward toward him at high speed. As they passed Trafford, he handed the ball to the fullback.

Yale, led by the savage-tackling Hinkey, stopped the play after a 30-yard gain and beat Harvard 6-0, winning all 13 games for the second straight season and shutting out every opponent as it had in 1891. In Hinkey's four years, Yale won 52 games and lost one, scoring 1,744 points to 25.

The 1894 Yale-Harvard game in Hinkey's last year was probably as furiously fought as any in history. It was so rough that a two-year break in football relations between the schools resulted.

"No father or mother worthy of the name would permit a son to associate with the set of Yale brutes on Hinkey's football team," stated a *New York Post* editorial.

The crushing mass formations of the nineties, continuing into the first decade of the 20th century, almost sounded the death knell of football. Slugging was habitual in the old



Football has been a game of presidents. Gerald Ford (left) was a center at Michigan and Ronald Reagan a guard at Eureka.



Dwight Eisenhower (left) was Army's fullback in 1912. At Stanford in 1892, Herbert Hoover (right in right photo) was student manager.



Richard Nixon (12), our 37th president, was a lineman at Whittier and got into a game against Southern California.

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days. Oh, it was forbidden, but a player would be warned three times before being banished.

The giant among coaches in the epoch of the ancients was Amos Alonzo Stagg. He was still going strong in modern times at age 97. Among the great inventors in football, he and Camp and Glenn S. "Pop" Warner stand supreme. But Stagg above all.

COACHED 70 YEARS

Stagg was at one end on that first 1889 All-America team, on which there were two other Yale players, five from Princeton and three from Harvard. He weighed 147 pounds and stood 5-6. He hadn't played football until 1887 when he was a 25-year-old senior. Fall baseball practice and the chance of injury had kept him off the gridiron. He was a star pitcher who led Yale to five straight championships and once struck out 20 Princeton batters. Stagg played three years of football, the last two in 1888-89 as a graduate student.

He spurned several major league offers. Amateurism was a high ideal with Stagg—amateurism, sportsmanship and honor. In his early years at Chicago, Illinois asked him to referee their game. He did. No complaints.

When Stagg came to Yale as a poor boy from New Jersey, tuition was \$50 a semester. He had to pay only \$30, being a divinity student. But he still had to find an unheated attic room at a dollar a week and limit himself to spending only 20 cents a day for food. When he became ill, his doctor insisted on better eating habits. Stagg then earned money waiting on tables at a students' dining club and began to receive some help from his family.

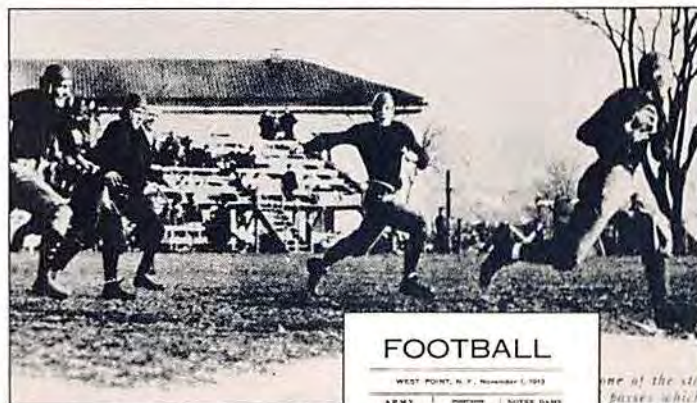
Starting in 1890, Stagg coached for 70 years, 57 in full command. He spent 41 years at the University of Chicago. He was Coach of the Year at 81 in 1943 at Pacific. As an advisory coach at Stockton (Calif.) Junior College at 92, he was knocked unconscious one afternoon while demonstrating the center snap. The team was shocked. Stagg soon opened his eyes, arose, said he was OK and instructed the players, "Let's get on with practice."

Historian Allison Danzig once wrote, not meaning to pun: "To attempt to list all of Stagg's inventions and originations staggers the imagination."

Nevertheless, enumeration of his major innovations is in order. They include the shift, the reverse, quick kick, onside kickoff, flanker, man in motion, optional pass or run, direct center snap, short punt formation,



Rice wrote of Rockne's magnetism and inspiration.



Notre Dame bewildered Army in 1913 with passes from Gus Dorais to Rockne, shown scoring after a first-period catch, and others.

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SEMY	SCORE	NOTES
Notre Dame	14-0	First period
Army	0-14	Second period
Notre Dame	14-0	Third period
Army	0-14	Fourth period
Notre Dame	14-0	Total
Army	0-14	Total

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Jim Thorpe of Carlisle (left) probably was the best back ever. (Above) Michigan routed Stanford 49-0 in 1902 Rose Bowl.



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the wingback principle and the huddle. At Notre Dame, Knute Rockne's backs shifted from the T into a box formation rather like the single wing. Rockne always gave Stagg credit. "Everything in football goes back to Stagg and to Yale," Rockne said.

Near the dawn of a new century, perhaps football's most extraordinary team feat occurred. Between Nov. 9 and 14, 1899, the University of the South at Sewanee, Tenn., whipped five major teams—Texas, Texas A&M, Tulane, LSU and Mississippi—in six days. All games were played on the road on a 3,000-mile train trip. All were shutouts.

As the new century began, football's popularity had spread throughout the country. The days of a solid block of Ivy League powers were gone, although there would be years in the next 25 when Yale, Harvard, Princeton, Penn and Cornell would claim national championships.

Most experts agree that Fielding H. "Hurry Up" Yost's 1901-02 Michigan teams were peerless in their time. The Wolverines featured Willie Heston between 1901-04. You could put him in your all-time cast without fear of criticism. He scored 93 touchdowns. The teams he played on won 43 games and tied one. In 1901 Michigan went 11-0, outscoring rivals 550 to 0. One of the victims was Stanford in the first Tournament of Roses (Rose Bowl today) game in Pasadena on Jan. 1, 1902.



Some of George Gipp's Notre Dame records still stand.



Cover of 1924 Rose Bowl program (left). University of Chicago Coach Amos Alonzo Stagg instructs players during 1916 game.



Notre Dame's Four Horsemen on their return to the campus several decades after their playing days: Elmer Layden, Jim Crowley, Harry Stuhldreher and Don Miller—and (inset) as they appeared, in reverse order, in 1924, their national championship year.



Some authorities rate Bronko Nagurski, Minnesota's 1929 tackle-fullback All-American, the No. 1 all-around player of all time.



Innovative Coach Pop Warner's greatest player on perfect-record 1915-16 teams at Pittsburgh was supercenter Bob Peck.

In 1900 Yost coached Stanford. Heston was then in his third season at halfback, starring for San Jose Normal (now San Jose State). Naturally, he caught Yost's eye. Some said that Yost offered him financial inducements after being appointed coach at Michigan.

Yost knew Heston was interested in studying law. And Heston knew Michigan had an outstanding law school. Before leaving California, Yost had asked Heston to accompany him to Michigan. He had not offered a scholarship but invited Heston to San Francisco for a talk.

"We had a nice conversation, but Yost still made no mention of a scholarship," Heston related more than half a century later when the writer interviewed him. "We parted with the understanding I would not go to Michigan."

"Well, I got a job for three weeks driving a fruit wagon around San Francisco during a teamsters' strike. But one day I decided this was an overly hazardous way to make a living and collected my pay. I planned to return to Oregon (where his family lived). To get to the ferry that would take me across the bay I thought it would be advisable to use back streets because of the possibility of being recognized as a strikebreaker. One poor fellow I knew had been caught and half killed.

"I had gone a few blocks and was climbing a steep hill when a young man approached me from the opposite

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direction. He stopped me and looked searchingly into my face and at my battered patent leather suitcase.

"I hope you're going east," he said. Then he explained. He had come out from Toledo to attend a YMCA convention. He liked San Francisco so well he decided to settle down there.

GO EAST, YOUNG MAN

"Only thing is I bought a descriptive round-trip ticket," he said. "You could easily fit the description. But are you going east?" I said, "Let me look at that ticket." I was thinking fast. "How much?" I asked. "\$25," he said. "You've just sold it," I told him."

That is how and why the 5-8, 182-pound Heston, he of the explosive start and bewildering moves, appeared on the Michigan campus. He had graduated (later to become a judge) when Michigan met Stagg's Chicago Maroons in 1905 for national honors. Chicago won 2-0, probably the most satisfying of Stagg's 314 victories.

Eighteen football-related deaths and numerous serious injuries occurred in 1905. College officials seriously considered whether they should reform the sport or ban it.

Late that year there was such a clamor for reforms that President Theodore Roosevelt responded to charges of football's brutality. Roosevelt was a fan and admired the type of men who played football. He let it be known that, while he had no desire to see the game abolished (which it was at a number of colleges), it must be made safer. One result of his demand for changes was the formation of the National Collegiate Athletic Association (NCAA).

New rules legalized the forward pass, which, it was hoped, would open up the game. But most coaches avoided the pass or used it sparingly because of various restrictions and a belief that it was risky. A neutral zone was established, separating opponents by the length of the ball. Before that, linemen stood even with the ball. There was no space between them, an invitation to toe-to-toe combat.

The field was marked bizarrely for the next several years with stripes five yards apart from one end to the other, as



Movie actor John Wayne played football at Southern California.



Starlet Phyllis Brooks with bowl stars Don Hutson and Dixie Howell.



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well as laterally. That created a checkerboard effect. The reason for the strange marking: to aid the officials, because a pass had to cross the line of scrimmage at least five yards from where it was put in play, and the quarterback could not run forward within five yards of the center. Other restraints discouraged passing.

LAST OF OLD GAME

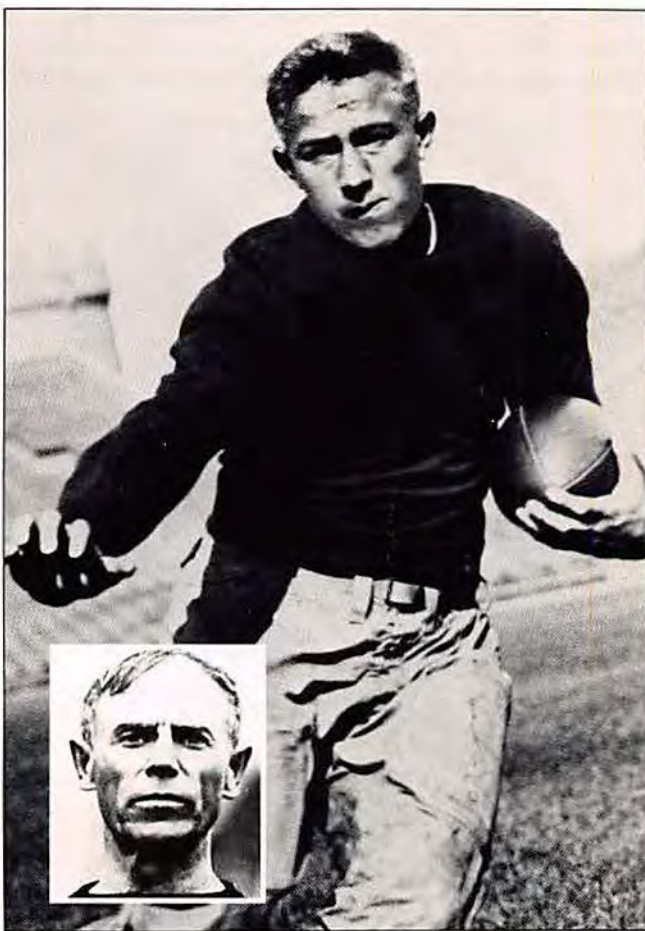
The rules makers hadn't gone far enough. Bone-breaking mass plays were still the order of the day until 1910, when sweeping changes brought about the end of an era. From then on, it was a different game: more speed and quick-striking offenses, more deception and stirring action, and less danger to the players.

Seven men were required on the line of scrimmage. Pushing and pulling the runner, and interlocking interference were finally prohibited, as was the flying tackle. And passes could cross the line anywhere (so could the quarterback), ending the five-yard restriction.

Several remaining limitations on passing were removed in 1912. The length of the field was shortened from 110 to 100 yards, and a fourth down to make 10 yards was added.



Red Grange removes his No. 77 jersey for the last time after Illinois-Ohio State game on Nov. 21, 1925.



In 1935, Jay Berwanger of Chicago won the first Heisman Trophy, named after John Heisman (inset), a famous coach.

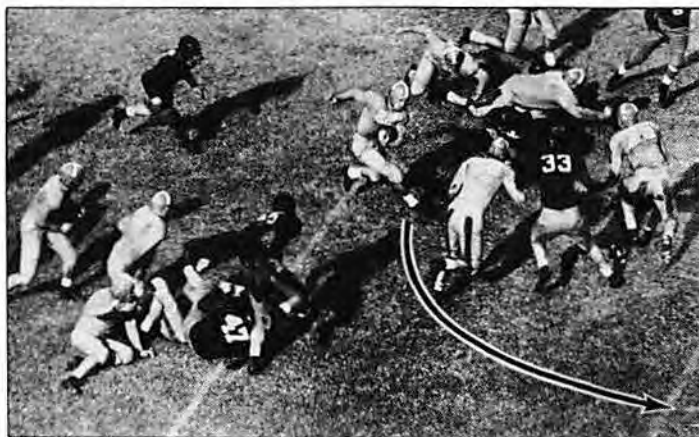
1912 was the year Jim Thorpe finished at Carlisle. In his final season he gained 1,869 yards rushing and scored 198 points. This black-haired Sac and Fox Indian from Oklahoma was not only probably the most gifted all-around back in history but also the No. 1 athlete. He was a two-time gold medalist in the 1912 Olympics. He played professional football and baseball, and appeared in the World Series of 1913 and 1917.

Thorpe was a football gambler. In one game, Carlisle had the ball on its 10-yard line. Thorpe called for a punt to get his team out of danger. As he passed the referee, he muttered, "They all think I'm gonna kick but I ain't." Faking the punt, which even his own team expected, Thorpe ran for a touchdown.

The Notre Dame-Army game at West Point on Nov. 1, 1913, was a landmark in football. The Fighting Irish, coached by Jesse Harper, shocked the East with a 35-13 victory. Quarterback Charles "Gus" Dorais completed 13 of 17 passes for 243 yards, throwing principally to end and captain Knute Rockne.

The spectacular Dorais-Rockne show was passing perfection. It stimulated coaches to incorporate it in their offenses as no rule changes had. At last the forward pass became an integral weapon of attack, not a tactic used in desperation.

In 1918 Rockne, at 30, became head coach at Notre Dame. A year after that, the competitive fire still in his blood, he played a bit of professional football, and in one Sunday game between his Massillon (Ohio) Tigers and the



Butler of Tennessee at start of serpentine touchdown run.



Tennessee's Bob Neyland: His name was synonymous with hard tackling and blocking, the kicking game and capitalizing on opponents' mistakes.

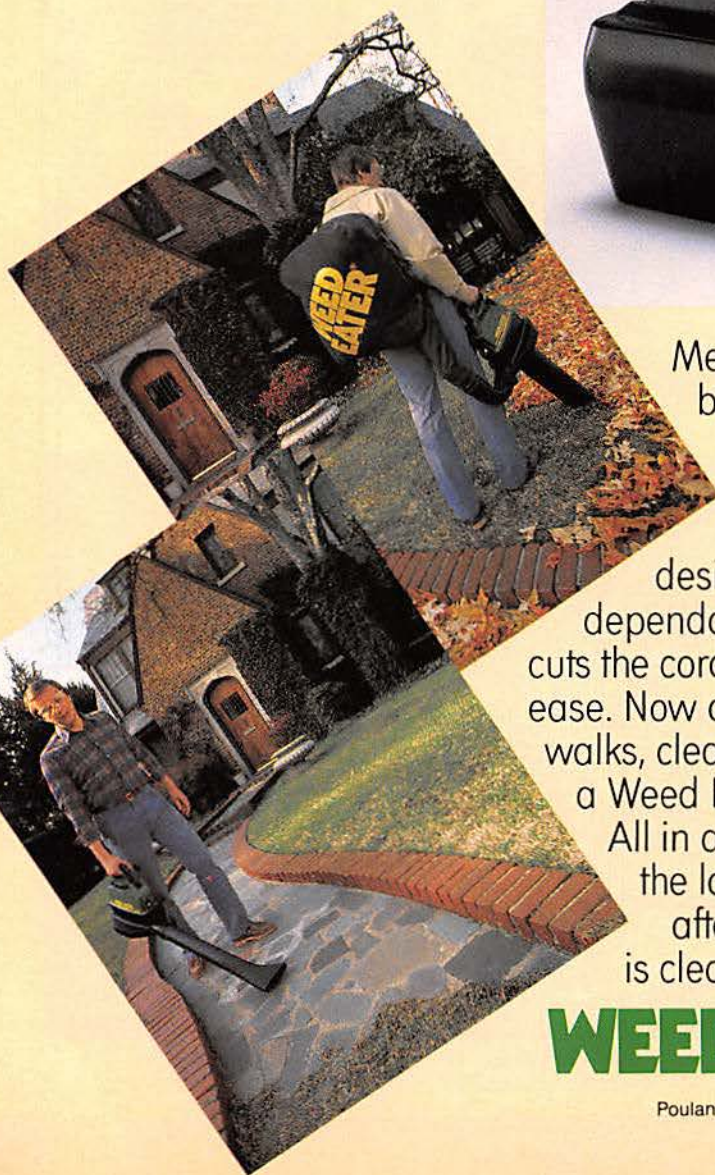


Jackie Robinson, who broke the major league racial barrier, was a star halfback at UCLA in 1939-40.



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Canton Bulldogs, he found himself at defensive end against the legendary Thorpe.

Rockne was still congratulating himself on stopping Thorpe a couple of times on sweeps when the great Indian came at him again. On that play Thorpe ran over Rockne like a runaway locomotive. The story was that, jogging back after the touchdown, Thorpe patted the dazed Rockne on the shoulder and admonished him, "People came here to see Jim run, Rock. You'd better let Jim run, huh?"

GIPP AND GRANGE

Rockne was paid a salary of \$5,000 in 1918. In his illustrious 13-year career as Notre Dame's head coach, ended by his death in a plane crash on March 31, 1931, his record was 105-12-5. It is the best ever for a minimum of 10 years. Five of his teams won every game. Norwegian-born Rockne won four national championships. That total was topped in the 1930s and 1940s by Bernie Bierman of Minnesota with five, and in the 1960s and 1970s by Paul "Bear" Bryant of Alabama with six. Frank Leahy, a tackle on Rockne's 1929 champions, also won four titles as Notre Dame's coach between 1941-43 and 1946-53.

Notre Dame's 1920 national championship year was saddened by the death of George Gipp, due to a streptococcus infection of the throat, 24 days after his final game, against Northwestern.

This maverick, who disdained training and caused Rockne problems off the field, was a marvelous ball carrier, passer, dropkicker, punter, blocker and defensive back. He was fast and elusive. Rockne said Gipp had "the timing of a tiger pouncing on his prey."

The 6-2, 185-pound halfback didn't like to extend himself when he felt it was unnecessary. In one game that Notre Dame won easily, he broke loose on a long run for an apparent touchdown, only to have it nullified by a penalty. After that happened two or three times, Gipp strolled past the referee on his way up the field and said, "From now on, how about blowing your whistle once for me to stop and twice to keep going?"

And then, in the 1920s, the Golden Decade of sport, came Grange. The Galloping Ghost dazzled huge crowds with the most electrifying displays of breakaway magic ever seen on a gridiron, up to then and since. Harold "Red" Grange, now 84, once related what he evidently thought of as an important incident in his childhood. As a boy, he had a dog named Jack. Grange would back him into a corner of the fence at his house and marvel at his dodging and footwork to get free. Red said Jack was the greatest open-field runner he ever saw and that he learned tricks from him he never forgot.

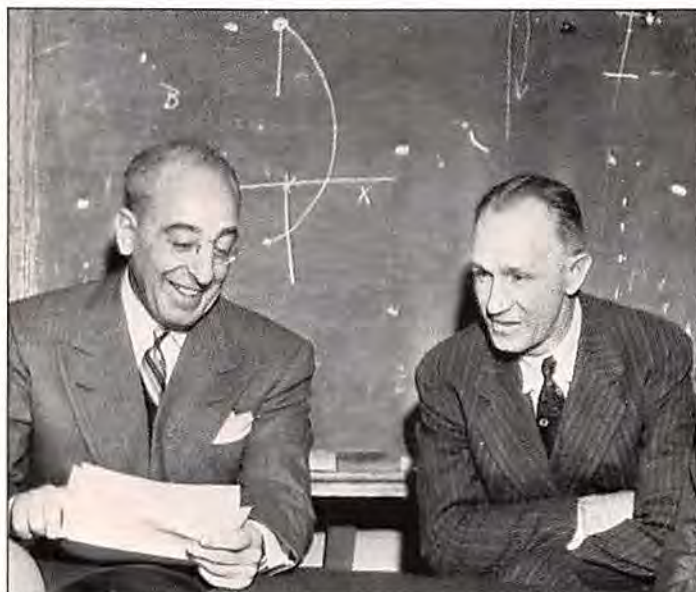
When Illinois met Michigan at Champaign in 1924, Grange gained 402 yards against the Wolverines. He ran 95, 67, 56 and 44 yards for touchdowns in the first 12 minutes. After taking Grange out in the second half, his coach, Bob Zuppke, who never risked letting his players get the bighead, said, "You should have had another touchdown, Red. You didn't cut at the right time on that last play."



Earl Blaik and Frank Leahy: Before a big game, coaches are grim.



Notre Dame stops SMU's Kyle Rote on 1-foot line in 1949.



1948 NCAA convention: What did Lou Little (Columbia) and Wallace Wade (Duke) share? Each coached a Rose Bowl winner.

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WHEN FOUR HORSEMEN RODE

"Grange was a genius of motion," Zuppke said. "I once made a trip to the Kaibab Forest on the edge of the north rim of the Grand Canyon, and as a deer ran out onto the grass plains, I thought, 'There goes Red Grange!' The freedom of movement was so similar to Red's."

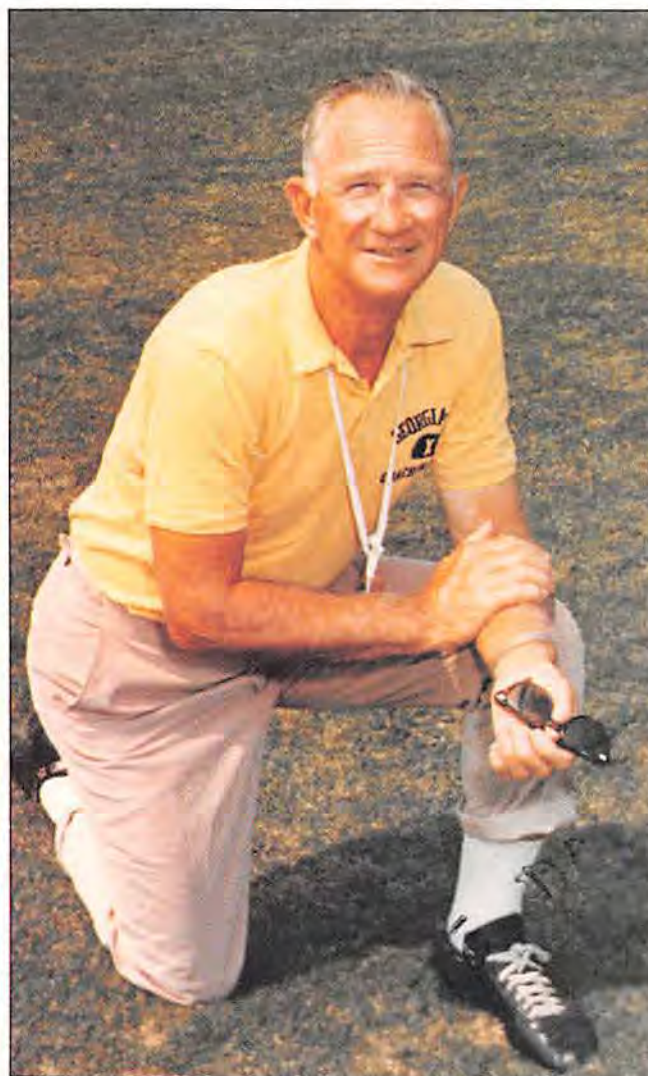
On the same day that Grange all but demoralized Michigan (Oct. 18, 1924), Notre Dame defeated Army 13-7 at New York's Polo Grounds. The distinguished sportswriter, Grantland Rice, whose literary gift was bestowed entirely on sports, was there and wrote the most enduring lead to a game story ever composed. Rice immortalized Notre Dame's all-senior backfield of Harry Stuhldreher, Don Miller, Jim Crowley and Elmer Layden when he typed: "Outlined against a blue-gray October sky, the Four Horsemen rode again. . . ." That backfield masterfully executed the shift, Stagg's invention that Rockne polished.

It was about this time that a remarkable record, one that you won't find in any book of football history, began. From

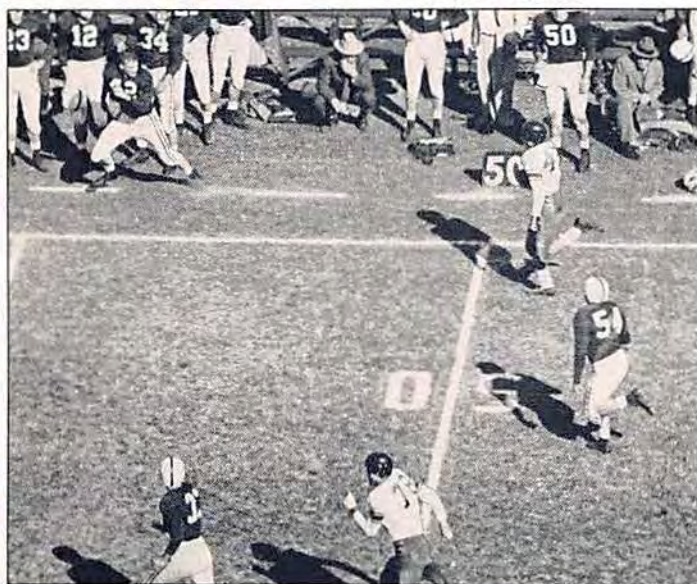
the start of the 1926 season and continuing for the next 61 years into 1987, a University of Southern California graduate named Giles Pellerin has seen every one of the Trojans' 654 games, home and away.



Woody Hayes, who died March 12, 1987, coached three national champions at Ohio State.



Bobby Dodd, a strict practitioner of two-platoon football, had a string of 31 games without a loss between 1950-53.



1954 Cotton Bowl: Alabama's Tommy Lewis (42) leaves bench . . .



. . . and tackles Dick Maegle of Rice, who was awarded 95-yard TD.

GREAT RUN—WRONG DIRECTION



Bud Wilkinson's (top) 1953-57 Oklahoma teams won 47 in a row. The streak ended (above) on TD by Notre Dame's Dick Lynch.



Single wing disciple Red Sanders (left) turned out a national champion at UCLA in 1954, and Tommy Prothro was an assistant.

Pellerin underwent an emergency operation for removal of his appendix five days before the USC-UCLA game in 1949. Telling the nurses he was going for a walk on the hospital grounds, he went to the Los Angeles Coliseum instead. He returned to his bed several hours later, his attendance streak unbroken.

The man who is now the oldest living member of college football's Hall of Fame was making a name for himself in the twenties as a Republican congressman. At 98, Hamilton Fish, All-America tackle at Harvard in 1908-09, plans to put in his annual appearance at the Hall of Fame Awards Banquet in New York City in December.

Still in the twenties—this was on Jan. 1, 1929—the game that immortalized the name of Roy Riegels was played in Pasadena. His was not the first run in the wrong direction or the last. But because so many saw it in the Rose Bowl and so many heard it described (the game was broadcast on NBC) and because it was the turning point, the run has become famous.

Describing the play many years afterward, Riegels said: "I was playing roving center on defense and drifted with the play. After the tackle (by Irvine Phillips and Charlie Schmidt), the ball fell away from Stumpy Thomason, and I picked it up and ran. The defense could do that in those days. I started in the right direction but made a complete horseshoe turn after going four or five yards when I saw two players coming at me from the right. In pivoting to get away, I completely lost my bearings. I wasn't out of my head at all, and I hadn't been hurt. I just headed the wrong way."

California halfback Benny Lom reacted quickly and took after Riegels. Ordinarily, the fleet Lom would have overtaken Riegels within 30 or 40 yards. But Riegels was running with superhuman speed. He was so determined to score that he even shifted the ball from his right armpit to his left, evidently so he could use his right arm as a straight-arm if needed.

"Stop, stop!" Lom shouted frantically. "You're going the wrong way! Throw me the ball!"



In 1956, Paul Hornung was the fifth of six Notre Dame players who have won the Heisman Trophy.



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Riegels related, "I could hear Benny yelling, but shucks, I wasn't going to throw it to him after that run."

Lom managed to grab Riegels' right hand and swing him around on the California 1-yard line, but before he could make a move, a wave of Georgia Tech pursuers flattened him. The Engineers blocked the ensuing punt for a safety and won the game 8-7.

"Some would have folded after what he did," said All-America center Peter Pund, Georgia Tech's captain. "He played a whale of a game. Roy was a battler who never quit."

Riegels was elected California's captain in 1929, made the All-Coast team and became a successful high school coach and businessman.

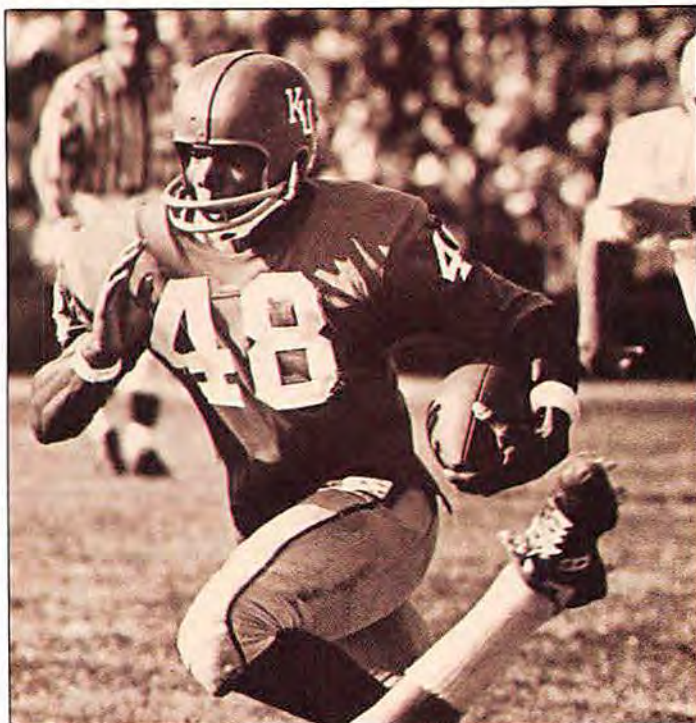
The 1934 Rose Bowl game was also memorable. Columbia defeated Stanford 7-0 in one of the top four or five football upsets. Almost everybody thought Stanford could name the score.

Columbia scored in the second period when Al Barabas ran 17 yards on an ingenious reverse. Only the Columbia players knew who had the ball. Barabas was untouched.

Twenty years later the Columbia team had a reunion and showed the game film. After the first half, Barabas spoke up. "Lou," he said (the team's coach, Lou Little, was running the projector), "let's not show the second half. They might beat us."

The incident was a bit similar to one last year when Jerry Tagge and Jack Mildren were taping commentary for a videocassette of "The Game of the Century." The 1971 Nebraska-Oklahoma game was one of the greatest ever played. Tagge of Nebraska and Mildren of Oklahoma were the quarterbacks. Nebraska defeated Oklahoma 35-31 and went on to win the national championship. Tagge said, "I was caught up in the game again. I was on my toes. . . . I had goose bumps."

The first Heisman Trophy was presented to halfback Jay Berwanger of Chicago in 1935. The award was named for John Heisman, who coached at eight colleges between 1892 and 1927, and was of an inventive mind.



Broken-field master Gale Sayers once ran 99 yards for a TD.



1968: O.J. Simpson on historic 64-yard TD run against UCLA.



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MAJOR CHANGES IN FORTIES



Hamilton Fish, 98 (Harvard, 1907-09): oldest living Hall of Famer. Vincent Draddy (right) is National Football Foundation chairman.



Eddie Robinson of Grambling State: 336 wins in 44 years.

In football's eighth decade, the game underwent two major changes. The T, with a man in motion, was resurrected in 1940, making that year as good a time as any to mark the beginning of the modern era. In the next year substitution was liberalized, eventually leading to separate offensive and defensive units, or platoons, and specialists.

Between the two World Wars, the single and double wingback conceived by Pop Warner and the Notre Dame shift were the most popular formations. Then came the new T introduced by Shaughnessy, the split-T of Missouri's Don Faurot, the wing T of Dave Nelson, the I-formation of Tom Nugent, the veer of Bill Yeoman, and the wishbone of Darrell Royal and Emory Bellard. Bryant, Alabama's enormously successful coach, started his career with the Notre Dame box, then went to the T, the split-T, some I-formation stuff, and finally embraced the wishbone. He used the wishbone to guide his last 12 teams (1971-82) to a 124-19-1 record (.865) and three national championships. His teams at Maryland, Kentucky, Texas A&M and Alabama won 323, lost 85 and tied 17.

Bryant, who died on Jan. 26, 1983, less than a month after his last team won the Liberty Bowl game, was an intense, extremely hard-working coach with a sharp wit.

"He even relaxes intensely," his wife once said. "When we play bridge, he plays as if it's the Rose Bowl. He wants to bid and win and skip the talk. But Paul likes pressure and tough situations. That's what makes him tick."

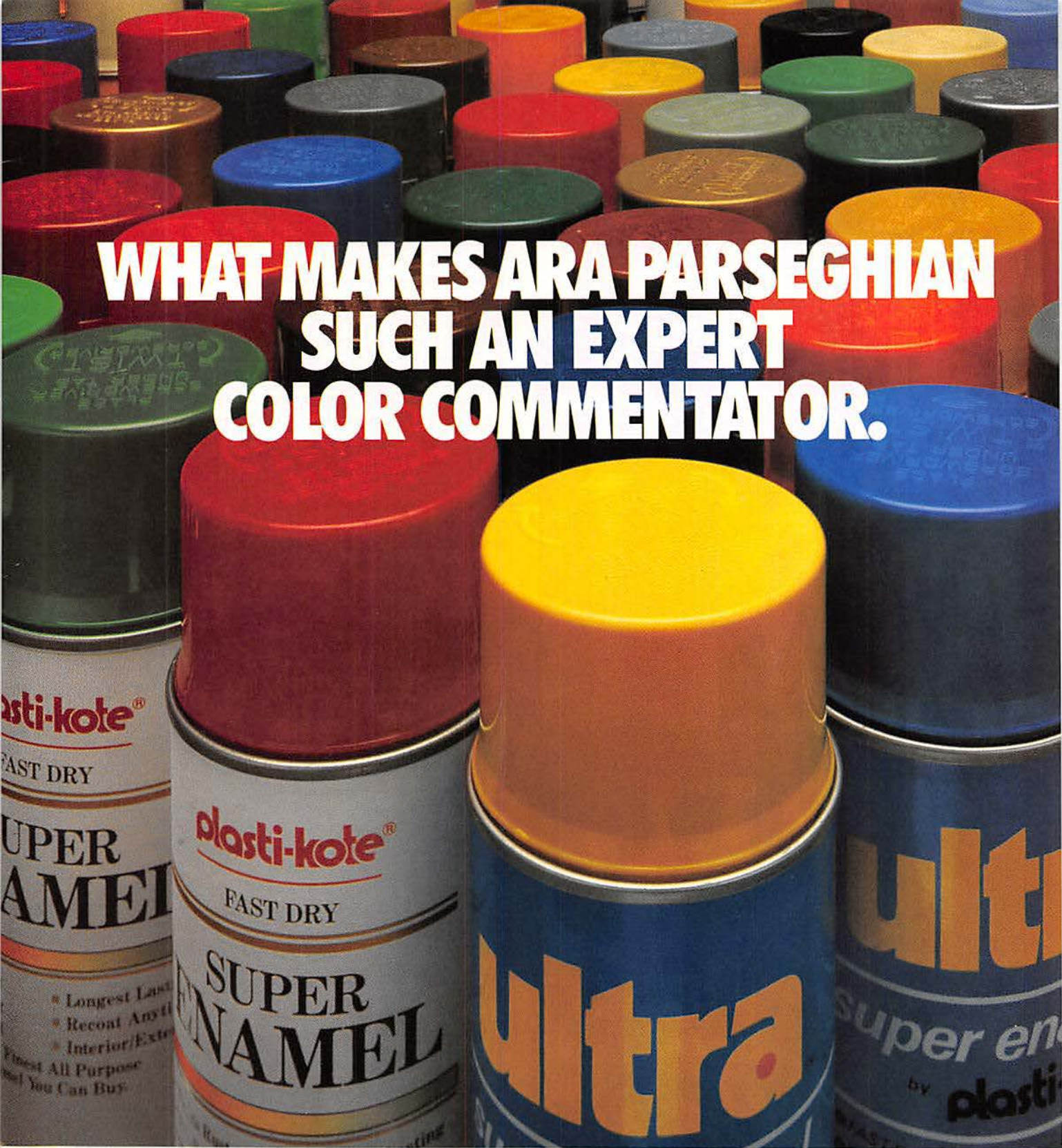
Refinements fascinate the fans nowadays. Defenses have become as complicated, as full of diversification as offenses. Technical proficiency and finesse mark present-day football. And it's become a game of giants. Take Michigan's offensive line in the 1987 Rose Bowl game, split end to tight end: 6-8, 235; 6-3, 289; 6-2, 258; 6-1, 289; 6-4, 285; 6-7, 306; 6-4, 224. Average: 269 pounds. The line on the first All-America team ever picked, in 1889, averaged 175.

Among legendary coaches of the pre-platoon period, besides those previously mentioned, were (school or schools most often identified with listed) Bob Neyland of Tennessee, George Woodruff of Pennsylvania, Percy

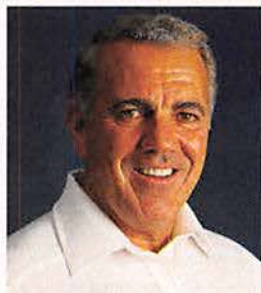


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At Pitt, Tony Dorsett set NCAA career rushing mark (6,082 yards).



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Haughton of Harvard, Jock Sutherland of Pittsburgh, Frank Thomas of Alabama, Henry L. Williams of Minnesota, Wallace Wade of Alabama and Duke, Charley Moran of Texas A&M and Centre, Howard Jones of Southern California (he won national championships at USC after doing the same thing at Yale and Iowa), Dana X. Bible of Nebraska and Texas, Andy Smith of California, Fritz Crisler of Princeton and Michigan, Dan McGugin of Vanderbilt, Frank Cavanaugh of Boston College and Fordham, Bill Alexander of Georgia Tech, Bill Roper of Princeton, Carl Snively of Cornell and North Carolina, Francis Schmidt of Ohio State, Tad Jones of Yale, Chick Meehan of New York University, Eddie Anderson of Holy Cross, Bennie Owen of Oklahoma, Andy Kerr of Colgate, Crowley of Fordham, Layden of Notre Dame, and Gil Dobie of Washington and Cornell.

Dobie served earlier at North Dakota State, Washington and Navy, and his record for his first 18 years was 113-5-3 with 14 unbeaten seasons and 11 perfect records; he was in his 12th year before suffering defeat.

Dobie was a strange man: saturnine, paradoxical, despotic and probably the No. 1 perfectionist among coaches. He never embraced the forward pass, and after one game in 1925 when Dartmouth, striking through the air, routed his Cornell team 62-13, he told a writer, "Well, we won 13-0."

"What about Dartmouth's 62 points?" he was asked.

"I don't count scoring made by passing," Dobie replied. "That isn't football."

In free-substitution, T-formation years, notable coaches include Jess Neely of Clemson and Rice, Bud Wilkinson of



Bo Schembechler: 11 Big Ten championships at Michigan.

Oklahoma (47 straight wins, 1953-57), Earl Blaik of Army (his 1945 team may have been the strongest ever assembled), Jim Tatum of Maryland and North Carolina, Red Sanders of Vanderbilt and UCLA, Bob Devaney and Tom Osborne of Nebraska, Woody Hayes and Earle Bruce of Ohio State, Ben Schwartzwalder of Syracuse, Frank Broyles of Arkansas, Bobby Dodd of Georgia Tech, Ara Parseghian and Dan Devine of Notre Dame, John Vaught of Mississippi, John McKay of Southern California, Lou Holtz of Arkansas, Minnesota and Notre Dame, Frank Kush of Arizona State, Ike Armstrong of Utah, Bo Schembechler of Michigan, Barry Switzer of Oklahoma, Joe Paterno of Penn State, Vince Dooley of Georgia, Ralph "Shug" Jordan of Auburn, Don James of Washington, Bobby Bowden of Florida State, LaVell Edwards of Brigham Young, Terry Donahue of UCLA, Jackie Sherrill of Texas A&M, Hayden Fry of Iowa, and the man who overtook Bryant in wins, Eddie Robinson of Grambling (La.) State with 336 as a new season begins.

People 100 years from now will read about them in updated football history books. And also about the great players of the last 25 years: Dick Butkus of Illinois, O. J. Simpson of Southern California, Randy White of Maryland, Tony Dorsett of Pittsburgh, Lawrence Taylor of North Carolina, Earl Campbell of Texas, Herschel Walker of Georgia, Archie Griffin of Ohio State, Tony Casillas of Oklahoma, Doug Flutie of Boston College . . . where do you stop?

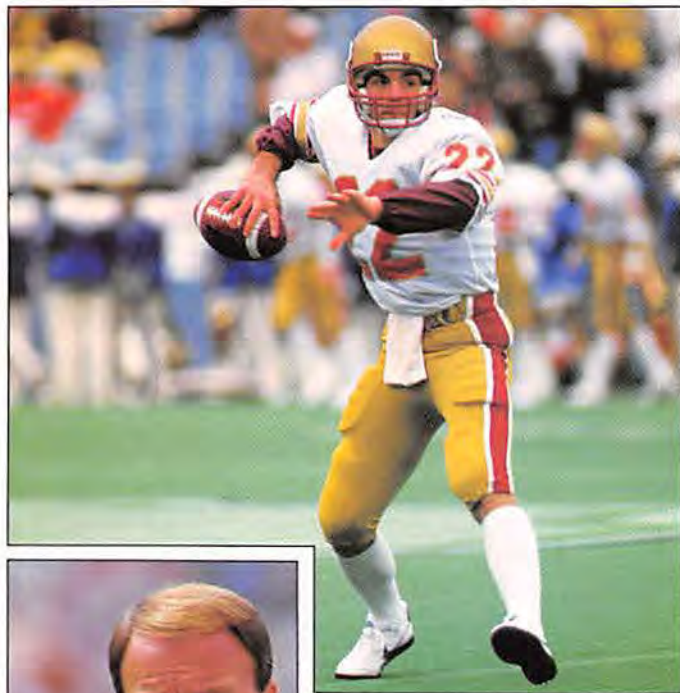
And for those who follow them, this year and in seasons ahead, maybe it's like Bryant once said:

"It all comes down to those Saturdays. The band's playing and the cold chills are running up their backs and they're big men playing for a lot of people. If they love the game and if they give it everything they have in them, right then they're some of the luckiest young men anywhere in the world."

END



Herschel Walker of Georgia (34) and Doug Flutie of Boston College (below) left lasting marks and won Heisman Trophies in the 1980s.



Joe Paterno of Penn State (left) and Barry Switzer of Oklahoma have won five national titles between them.



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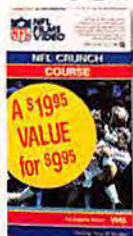
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In addition to Thorne's service, I selected several other ads, then called and asked for permission to monitor their weekly selection for the season. Some refused. But five, including Thorne, agreed. Not only would they allow me to monitor their selections, they would answer my questions as the season progressed and help me walk through the mine field of football handicapping.

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But other first-week results were more sobering. Sports Reporter had a 2-3 record, K&B was 2-1-1, Brad Diamond was 4-4 and Alleghenies Analysis was 1-4.

Hatpin Millie? Two wins, one loss.

The pattern continued as the season wore on. After five weeks Thorne had slowed to an overall (college and pro) record of 17-13-1 (57 percent). Sports Reporter's record was 15-15-1, K&B had dropped to 10-17-1 (37 percent), Brad Diamond stood at 18-24-1 (43) and Alleghenies Analysis had a 13-19 record (41). Millie and her hatpin had a 9-5-1 record (64 percent).

Things had not improved much after the 10th week. Thorne had dropped to 27-29-3 (48 percent), Sports Reporter stood 32-38-3 (46), K&B was 26-33-1 (44), Brad Diamond was 47-41-1 (53) and Alleghenies Analysis was 29-31 (48 percent). Millie was 16-13-1 (55 percent).

I called Angland, president of K&B Sports. I asked: "What do you say to customers who are paying you for losing advice? Are you getting heat?"

"Yes," he said. "Somebody calls and says your service stinks, but you learn to live with it. You take the good with the bad. When things are going good, you're the king. Most people are patient, but if you have a couple of bad weeks . . . One guy called and said, 'OK, now let me sell my picks to you.'"

K&B finished the regular season with a dismal record: 40-53-2 (43 percent). It was 2-4 on its best bets and lost its game-of-the-year pick. But don't worry. A headline in a January 1987 issue of the *Las Vegas Sports News* read: "K&B Moves to Lead in NBA." It was business as usual. For the information I received from K&B, the price for the football season would have been \$575.

None of the services I monitored showed a profit for the regular season, except for themselves.

Sports Reporter finished the 16 weeks with a 59-54-3 record (52.2 percent), barely missing the break-even point. It would have cost me approximately \$2,000 had I been a regular-paying telephone subscriber.

According to Sports Monitor, Brad Diamond closed the 16-week season with a record of 89-91 (49 percent). I monitored him only 14 weeks because I failed to reach him before game time on two weekends.

When I failed to reach him in time for his selections for the last week of the regular season, I called later to get his results. He said he had a 5-0 record. His monitoring service showed he had a 2-5 record. "The selections I gave you were made on Friday night," he said, "and I sometimes change my selections from Friday night to Saturday. I don't really get a chance to work at it until later Friday night."

So if a client called on Friday, Diamond's selection might be team A, and if another

client called on Saturday, Diamond's selection might be the opposite side of the same game?

"That's the way I work it," he said.

So he was giving me different selections than he was giving the independent monitor? "Right," he said, "because you are not a client."

Diamond's service would have cost me between \$800 and \$1000 if I had been a client.

Alleghenies Analysis finished 36-44-1 (45 percent). The regular-season service would have cost \$800.

It is estimated that 50 million people bet on football games in one form or another. Twelve million are believed to be compulsive gamblers. Football betting has become a billion-dollar industry.

The records were for college and pro games during the regular season only. And in most cases, the base fee does not include postseason games, game-of-the-year picks and other special offerings.

Millie "The Hatpin" Vogl had a 24-23-1 record (51 percent), which means she almost broke even for the season. But with her, there was no service charge for the hatpin.

Aaron Thorne? He was the biggest surprise of all. After 13 weeks, with a 31-33-3 record, he dropped out of business and made a plea that something be done about "an industry out of control."

"The sports service industry is nothing but an illusion created by people with great marketing skills," he said. "There are very few people who can actually handicap successfully. Innocent people are being destroyed by these people, and it must stop. The dream world of a compulsive gambler is to have all the great things in the world without any effort. It took me a long time to realize this."

"Do you know what a compulsive gambler is? These are the kind of people who use sports services. The services take advantage of them because they are weak and cannot say no."

Thorne outlined some of the ploys used by some services.

"In some cases they will give out one team to one subscriber and the team's opponent to another subscriber," he said. "That way they are guaranteed to please half of their customers."

Most services rate their selections—10-star, 7-star, 3-star, game of the month, etc.—so that if the service's overall record is poor, it will find some positive point to advertise the following week.

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Wagner's handling of the Alleghenies Analysis advertising during his losing 1986 season is an example. After a 1-4 start on the first college football Saturday, Wagner came back advertising successes in past seasons. Later he advertised a 13-3 roll on Monday night winners dating back two seasons. With his overall record at 9-16 late in September, the following line was part of an ad in *Football News*: "Donn Wagner is Mr. October (10 straight winning weeks in October since October 15, 1983)."

Wagner is the only one of the five that was monitored by three independent agencies—Hodges' AADSS, Sports Monitor, a two-year-old Oklahoma City operation owned by Ruth Glasgow, and Sportswatch, a new service in Williamsport, Pa., operated by a postal employee and National Guard pilot named Don Kline.

Hodges had Wagner's regular-season college and pro combined record at 51-53. Sports Monitor had the record for the same time at 66-58. On games monitored by me he was 36-44-1.

Sportswatch didn't begin monitoring Wagner until late in the football season and posted his overall record at 22-23. Kline said only four of the 30 services he monitored finished with winning records.

Wagner insists that his customers make money even though he has a losing record overall. "All my picks are rated," he said, "three-star, five-star, 10-star. You bet more on the higher-rated games."

Sports Reporter is the only one of the five services that did not subscribe to a monitoring service. Asked why, editor Piermont laughed and replied, "Who's going to monitor the monitor?"

That comment describes the sports services industry atmosphere as well as any.

There are at least four independent monitoring agencies. The dean is 43-year-old Mike McKusker, a former sportswriter now living in Las Vegas. He publishes an annual watchdog report each year called *Tipsters and Gypsters*, in which he provides results of services he monitored the season before and accuses others of unethical practices. He worked for two sports services before setting up the nation's first monitoring system.

Although football betting is illegal in America everywhere except in Nevada, it is estimated that 50 million people bet on football games in one form or another. Twelve million are believed to be compulsive gamblers. Football betting has become a billion-dollar industry.

On the surface, the sports service industry offers expertise to paying customers, much the way stockbrokers offer help to those who play the market. The difference is that the sports service industry is not regulated. Any-



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This was one sports analyst's best "play" on Sept. 6, 1986, but too often the advice of these "experts" is unreliable.

Help from Analyst? Don't Bet on It

by Jay Searcy

The man on the telephone is telling me that Colorado State, a 15-point underdog to Colorado in the first weekend of the 1986 college football season, is the best play of the week. He is giving me reason after convincing reason why Colorado State should easily cover the spread. He has caught the bookmakers out of line. "In fact," he says, "I think Colorado State will win the game straight up."

His name is Aaron Thorne, or at least that's the name he uses for his sports handicapping business. I found him listed among the scores of sports service ads in a preseason football magazine. He is an accountant, a graduate of the State University of New York at Binghamton, divorced and living in Las Vegas. He says he has a gift for analyzing statistics and a feel for handicapping sporting events. For \$300 a season, he will share his college football handi-

capping wisdom. He gets the same price for the pro season, or you can get both for \$500. Thorne says he caters to a small, select group of customers, one of whom is a graduate of the Wharton School of Finance.

"It's true that Colorado has eight starters back on defense and seven on offense," Thorne is saying. "But Colorado State has 10 defensive starters back and nine returning offensive starters."

It is a temptation to hang up and find a bookie. That's the normal procedure each week for thousands who pay people like Thorne for advice. The sports analysts, as they like to be called, or the touts, as they were called in times past, can't suggest that you use their information for betting purposes; that's against the law. So they don't ever say bet. They say play, as in, "This is my play of the week."

Thorne's service, A.S.T. Sports (his initials), helps make up the multimillion-dollar sports handicapping industry, which has grown from a handful to an estimated 700 or more services in the last 10 years. No license is required. There are no government regulations. There is no official watchdog. These are mostly one- or two-man operations based in someone's home. All one needs to go into business is a telephone and a football schedule.

With no rules or restrictions, the industry quickly earned a reputation for high-pressure, boiler-room telephone sales tactics, and even the people who make their living at it admit that the majority of the so-called experts are nothing more than fly-by-night rip-off artists.

Many of the companies never advertise. They make contacts by telephone or direct mail and are practically invisible. Most of them come and go, and some operate under one

name and telephone number one year and another name with a new number the next.

Two of the more established analysts are Danny Sheridan of Mobile, Ala., and Mike Warren of Baltimore. They have parlayed their handicapping businesses into highly successful sales organizations through aggressive marketing schemes. Warren claims to have had as many as 12,000 subscribers at one time. In a slick-paper, color preseason mail advertisement last year, he told potential customers, "Unfortunately, because so many of last season's subscribers are renewing memberships because they made so much money, we will only be accepting a limited number of new members this season."

Neither Warren nor Sheridan is monitored by an independent agency.

Every sports analyst in the business admits that the industry is rife with rip-offs, but it is always the other service that is guilty. Thorne insists that there are a few honest and skilled handicappers "like myself" who do their homework and earn their money. "Probably five percent are legitimate," he says.

The trouble is, the telephone customer can't tell one from another, judging by the ads that fill publications like the *Las Vegas Sports News* and the *Football News*. *USA TODAY* carries a half page of such advertising once a week. Many of the ads are misleading, with lures of big bucks and little risk. The ads are not screened and the accuracy of the claims isn't verified.

Typical come-ons:

"MAKE MONEY FAST!"

"70 PERCENT WINNERS!"

"100% MONEY BACK GUARANTEE!"

"NEVER HAD A LOSING SEASON!"

"FIRST WEEK FREE"

"YOU WIN OR WE PAY"

They operate under names like Preferred Picks, Dial-A-Sport, Pointwise, Wizard Network, Northern Advantage, Hose Line Sports and High Rollers. Even former NFL stars Johnny Unitas and Billy Kilmer have lent their names to forecasting operations. MasterCard and Visa are accepted by most services.

In addition to Thorne's service, I selected several other ads, then called and asked for permission to monitor their weekly selection for the season. Some refused. But five, including Thorne, agreed. Not only would they allow me to monitor their selections, they would answer my questions as the season progressed and help me walk through the mine field of football handicapping.

My 1986 forecasters' lineup and advertised credentials:

• A.S.T. Sports, Las Vegas. In business three years. Hit 68 percent in pro football in 1985; 71 percent on top-rated college plays; 7-0 on selections on ESPN. Monitored by the American Association of Documented Sports Services (AADSS).

• K&B Sports, Calhoun, Ga. President, Ken Angland and partner Bill Campbell. Angland is a former purchasing agent. Campbell works in quality control in a carpet factory. Four years in handicapping business. 1985 NFL percentage contest winner with 70; nationally syndicated college football Experts Bowl champion; 64 percent winners in college football in 1984 and 1985. Monitored by AADSS.

• Alleghenies Analysis, State College, Pa. President, Donn Wagner. Lock Haven State graduate. In business since 1976. "The nation's 10-star leader." Monitored by AADSS and Sports Monitor.

• Sports Reporter, Lynbrook, N.Y. President, Richard Bomze. Editor, Dave Piermont. In business since 1975. Claims to have the nation's top-selling handicapping newsletter. Employs about 30 people, including part-timers. Not monitored.

• Brad Diamond, Havertown, Pa. A business management graduate from La Salle, he has taught a college handicapping course, has a radio show in Philadelphia and has been in business 10 years. A one-man operator.

For a control sample, I engaged my next-door neighbor, 79-year-old Millie Vogl, a widow who has never been to a football game. She sat at my kitchen table one afternoon and, with her eyes closed, used a hatpin to pick

three games for each week of the season.

To have a winning season, a handicapper must pick more than 52.3 percent winners to account for the 2.3 percent vigorish (the fee charged by bookmakers). Despite the promising claims, only about 30 percent show a profit, according to figures gathered over seven years in a *Philadelphia Inquirer* contest of selected national handicappers.

John Hodges, for a fee, documents more than 100 services each year for AADSS and runs a handicapping contest in his publication, the *Las Vegas Sports News*. He says that in nine years, only 15 services have picked as many as 70 percent winners for a full season and that none has done it two years in a row. That's 15 times in about 1000 chances. Only about 10 services out of 100 will pick as many as 60 percent winners.

Despite such odds, thousands of people subscribe to the telephone services each year, with great expectations. Suppose, for instance, that I had accepted Aaron Thorne's advice and bet on Colorado State, a 15-point underdog. They upset Colorado just as Thorne predicted.

Of the six selections Thorne gave out, four were winners. He was 2-0 on his top-rated picks. It would have been a great temptation to follow him the rest of the year.

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But other first-week results were more sobering. Sports Reporter had a 2-3 record, K&B was 2-1-1, Brad Diamond was 4-4 and Alleghenies Analysis was 1-4.

Hatpin Millie? Two wins, one loss.

The pattern continued as the season wore on. After five weeks Thorne had slowed to an overall (college and pro) record of 17-13-1 (57 percent). Sports Reporter's record was 15-15-1, K&B had dropped to 10-17-1 (37 percent), Brad Diamond stood at 18-24-1 (43) and Alleghenies Analysis had a 13-19 record (41). Millie and her hatpin had a 9-5-1 record (64 percent).

Things had not improved much after the 10th week. Thorne had dropped to 27-29-3 (48 percent), Sports Reporter stood 32-38-3 (46), K&B was 26-33-1 (44), Brad Diamond was 47-41-1 (53) and Alleghenies Analysis was 29-31 (48 percent). Millie was 16-13-1 (55 percent).

I called Angland, president of K&B Sports. I asked: "What do you say to customers who are paying you for losing advice? Are you getting heat?"

"Yes," he said. "Somebody calls and says your service stinks, but you learn to live with it. You take the good with the bad. When things are going good, you're the king. Most people are patient, but if you have a couple of bad weeks... One guy called and said, 'OK, now let me sell my picks to you.'"

K&B finished the regular season with a dismal record: 40-53-2 (43 percent). It was 2-4 on its best bets and lost its game-of-the-year pick. But don't worry. A headline in a January 1987 issue of the *Las Vegas Sports News* read: "K&B Moves to Lead in NBA." It was business as usual. For the information I received from K&B, the price for the football season would have been \$575.

None of the services I monitored showed a profit for the regular season, except for themselves.

Sports Reporter finished the 16 weeks with a 59-54-3 record (52.2 percent), barely missing the break-even point. It would have cost me approximately \$2,000 had I been a regular-paying telephone subscriber.

According to Sports Monitor, Brad Diamond closed the 16-week season with a record of 89-91 (49 percent). I monitored him only 14 weeks because I failed to reach him before game time on two weekends.

When I failed to reach him in time for his selections for the last week of the regular season, I called later to get his results. He said he had a 5-0 record. His monitoring service showed he had a 2-5 record. "The selections I gave you were made on Friday night," he said, "and I sometimes change my selections from Friday night to Saturday. I don't really get a chance to work at it until later Friday night."

So if a client called on Friday, Diamond's selection might be team A, and if another

client called on Saturday, Diamond's selection might be the opposite side of the same game?

"That's the way I work it," he said.

So he was giving me different selections than he was giving the independent monitor?

"Right," he said, "because you are not a client."

Diamond's service would have cost me between \$800 and \$1000 if I had been a client.

Alleghenies Analysis finished 36-44-1 (45 percent). The regular-season service would have cost \$800.

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The records were for college and pro games during the regular season only. And in most cases, the base fee does not include postseason games, game-of-the-year picks and other special offerings.

Millie "The Hatpin" Vogl had a 24-23-1 record (51 percent), which means she almost broke even for the season. But with her, there was no service charge for the hatpin.

Aaron Thorne? He was the biggest surprise of all. After 13 weeks, with a 31-33-3 record, he dropped out of business and made a plea that something be done about "an industry out of control."

"The sports service industry is nothing but an illusion created by people with great marketing skills," he said. "There are very few people who can actually handicap successfully. Innocent people are being destroyed by these people, and it must stop. The dream world of a compulsive gambler is to have all the great things in the world without any effort. It took me a long time to realize this."

"Do you know what a compulsive gambler is? These are the kind of people who use sports services. The services take advantage of them because they are weak and cannot say no."

Thorne outlined some of the ploys used by some services.

"In some cases they will give out one team to one subscriber and the team's opponent to another subscriber," he said. "That way they are guaranteed to please half of their customers."

Most services rate their selections—10-star, 7-star, 3-star, game of the month, etc.—so that if the service's overall won-lost record is

poor, it will find some positive point to advertise the following week.

Wagner's handling of the Alleghenies Analysis advertising during his losing 1986 season is an example. After a 1-4 start on the first college football Saturday, Wagner came back advertising successes in past seasons. Later he advertised a 13-3 roll on Monday night winners dating back two seasons. With his overall record at 9-16 late in September, the following line was part of an ad in *Football News*: "Donn Wagner is Mr. October (10 straight winning weeks in October since October 15, 1983)."

Wagner is the only one of the five that was monitored by three independent agencies—Hodges' AADSS, Sports Monitor, a two-year-old Oklahoma City operation owned by Ruth Glasgow, and Sportswatch, a new service in Williamsport, Pa., operated by a postal employee and National Guard pilot named Don Kline.

Hodges had Wagner's regular-season college and pro combined record at 51-53. Sports Monitor had the record for the same time at 66-58. On games monitored by me he was 36-44-1.

Sportswatch didn't begin monitoring Wagner until late in the football season and posted his overall record at 22-23. Kline said only four of the 30 services he monitored finished with winning records.

Wagner insists that his customers make money even though he has a losing record overall. "All my picks are rated," he said, "three-star, five-star, 10-star. You bet more on the higher-rated games."

Sports Reporter is the only one of the five services that did not subscribe to a monitoring service. Asked why, editor Piermont laughed and replied, "Who's going to monitor the monitor?"

That comment describes the sports services industry atmosphere as well as any.

There are at least four independent monitoring agencies. The dean is 43-year-old Mike McKusker, a former sportswriter now living in Las Vegas. He publishes an annual watchdog report each year called *Tipsters and Gypsters*, in which he provides results of services he monitored the season before and accuses others of unethical practices. He worked for two sports services before setting up the nation's first monitoring system.

Although football betting is illegal in America everywhere except in Nevada, it is estimated that 50 million people bet on football games in one form or another. Twelve million are believed to be compulsive gamblers. Football betting has become a billion-dollar industry.

On the surface, the sports service industry offers expertise to paying customers, much the way stockbrokers offer help to those who play the market. The difference is that the sports service industry is not regulated. Anything goes. Buyer beware.

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It wasn't complete peace of mind. That's too much to expect—and always will be—in a business so long susceptible to scandal.

But early this year, about the time the National Collegiate Athletic Association was gathering for its annual convention in San Diego, the mood in college athletics seemed to be shifting. Presidents, faculty representatives and athletic directors were more upbeat than upset. Issue by issue, the major reforms they felt were needed had already been put in place.

Academic standards—check. Proposal 48, the controversial raising of standards for incoming freshman athletes, had taken its first, jarring bite out of football and basketball recruiting classes.

Rules enforcement—check. The NCAA's "death penalty" was in the books, threatening and theoretically deterring would-be violators with up to a two-year shutdown of their programs.

Drug-testing—check. The first season of screening had kept 21 steroid and street-drug users from playing in football bowl games.

So much for crisis intervention. The time had come, NCAA officials said, for legislative fine-tuning instead of overhauling. Firm up control over boosters. Make recruiting seasons more manageable. Give schools a look at their coaches' outside income.

Little did they know that Southern Methodist and the rest of the Southwest Conference weren't finished playing the college football's version of limbo.

Deep voice now. How lo-o-o-w can you go-o-o-o?

Hardly more than a year after going on NCAA probation in August 1985, boosters were found still sweetening the pocketbooks of SMU football players—a death penalty offense. The program was barred from competition this season and stripped of so many scholarships that interim school President William Stallcup elected not to play the seven games allotted in 1988 as well.

Texas Gov. Bill Clements admitted the illegal payments had continued with his blessing as chairman of SMU's Board of Governors. The board was abolished shortly after Clements' statement.

Then, the NCAA infractions committee slapped Texas Tech's football program with a year's probation. That left only three of nine SWC schools—Arkansas, Baylor and Rice—not on probation or under some kind of investigation in football.

"It doesn't seem like it's real," Arkansas Athletic Director Frank Broyles said at one point. "Everybody's disappointed, really disappointed."

Charles Alan Wright, a Texas law professor and former infractions committee chairman, called Clements' admission "as disturbing a thing as I can remember."

Disturbing, yes. Devastating, no. That feeling of encouragement that pervaded the San Diego convention has survived.

At the same time SMU was dragging college athletics through the mud, it demonstrated, Hiroshima-like, the death penalty's power of retribution. Reading it in the rulebook is one thing. Seeing it in

practice, leaving a school in football-mad Texas without a program for two years and probably without a competitive team for quite a while longer, is quite another.

"I think a message was certainly sent out to those who feel cheating is just a way of doing business, who feel that if you get on TV and in a bowl game three years out of five and on probation two of five it's worth it," said former NCAA President Jack Davis of Oregon State. "The penalties are going to far outweigh the benefits."

Already, the NCAA may be seeing the deterrent effect it sought. A number of football coaches, including Indiana's Bill Mallory and Mississippi State's Rocky Felker, say the past recruiting season was one of the cleanest they'd seen. So did David Berst, the NCAA's director of enforcement.

"Normally," Berst says, "at least 10-15 very serious issues develop on signing day or a couple of days after that. That number was significantly down this year. We haven't had the same kind of concern expressed."

Says Felker: "You go into a house, and the parents and the recruited players are a lot more educated about the rules and what you can and cannot do. I think that, along with the threat (of the death penalty), is helping out."

Most of the problems that do continue to surface involve wayward boosters. At SMU, it was wealthy area businessmen who set up a slush fund that provided 13 players with \$61,000. It was boosters who committed the violations that got Texas Christian its current three-year probationary sentence and embarrassed rulebook-thumping Coach Jim Wacker.

So in San Diego, the NCAA went a step beyond its previous ban on boosters' off-campus contact with recruits. They're now prohibited from recruiting on or off campus, including a ban on phone calls or letters to prospects.

The next step, perhaps, is additional sanctions against guilty athletes themselves.

Says Georgetown basketball Coach John Thompson: "Sometimes we give educators and coaches more responsibility than we do parents. And I don't think that's fair."

"I think when these kids are taking bribes, they



shouldn't be able to play. I think it's totally ridiculous to let a group of kids take handouts from people and then go to any school they want, and we have to go through the recruitment process with them again. That's the biggest bunch of hypocrisy I've ever seen."

"That relates to drugs, too. If a young man needs help, give it to him. That could happen to me; that could happen to anybody. But we have to start placing blame. A person has got to be responsible for his own actions."

Drugs, of course, are the colleges' hottest new issue. The NCAA's testing program went into effect last August, drew its first urine samples at the cross-country championships in November, then stirred up a storm before football's December and New Year's Day bowl games.

That's when positive results—mostly for steroid use—sent several big-name players to the sidelines, including Oklahoma linebacker Brian Bosworth and Southern California lineman Jeff Bregel.

All it cost them and their teams was the players' participation. Team sanctions were suspended during the testing program's first year, and will be suspended with some exceptions through the 1987 season.

The burning question: How will the sanctions be enforced?

John Toner, chairman of the NCAA's drug-testing committee, says the NCAA executive committee would determine if a player who tested positive after a championship or bowl game had a "significant role" in the game. In basketball, he says, that could be based on playing time. In football, touchdowns or tackles could be taken into account with minutes played.

Coaches, however, are already uneasy about that kind of judgment.

"I can sit down with the film and influence your thinking in a minute," says new Southern Cal football Coach Larry Smith. "You have to eliminate gray areas in drugs. It's got to be either black or white."

"If a guy plays one play and runs a punt back for a touchdown," says North Carolina's Dick Crum, "that's a pretty significant influence on the game. But he played only one play. It can really lead to some problems because any time there aren't cold, hard facts, you're going to get argument."

In time, Smith and Crum may also find themselves being tested. Toner said his committee is giving thought to screening coaches and game officials in addition to players.

Sounding a tad like major-league Baseball Commissioner Peter Ueberroth when he promised—but didn't produce—a drug-free game last season, Toner set an optimistic timetable for ultimately cleaning up the college programs.

"I wouldn't say three years," he says, "but I think that's a reasonable expectation. If we continue our program and we let our sanctions evolve to team sanctions, yes."

The NCAA is talking expansion, too, of Proposal

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Good News Outweighs Bad: College Football Shaping Up

by Steve Wieberg

(State of College Football continued)

48. In fact, the stricter academic guidelines have already been extended from Division I to Division II, starting in August 1988.

The rule's first-year report card:

- Two hundred Division I-A football recruits sat out their freshman seasons because they failed to meet requirements for either the test score (700 SAT, 15 ACT) or core curriculum (2.0 grade-point average in 11 specified high school subjects), according to *USA TODAY*.

- The cut was even deeper in Division I basketball, where 13 percent (129 of 990 recruits) were ineligible their first year.

- Black athletes, as expected, were most affected. According to the *Dallas Times Herald*, 85 percent of the I-A football recruits who fell beneath the standards were black. In the predominantly black Southwestern Athletic and Mid-Eastern Athletic conferences, 28 percent of the signees—more than double the national average—were ineligible their first year.

All of those figures, however, are expected to drop this year. While 16 of the top 100 high school football prospects were affected by Proposal 48 in 1986, recruiting expert Max Emfinger predicted the number in 1987 to be about 10.

"Our coaches, when they come back after looking at the top blue-chip players in the country, say all those kids are now making higher test scores, particularly among the black athletes," says Oklahoma football Coach Barry Switzer. "Whether kids are black or white, tell them to perform and they can perform."

"We're more educated about it. The kids know more about it," says Dwight Thomas, the football coach at powerful Pensacola (Fla.) Escambia High School. "I think we're going to do a much better job. You're going to see a lot of improvement everywhere. And every year, it's going to get better. It's the law, and the kids know that."

"We want to expand on those things that are good in college athletics and correct those things that aren't."

Switzer has one suggestion: If a Proposal 48 victim makes sufficient academic progress his first semester, let him participate in spring practice instead of forcing him to sit out the entire school year. Because such non-skill-position players as linemen and linebackers often must be redshirted after missing a season, they're stuck with a two-year penalty.

But the NCAA, particularly the 44 members of the influential Presidents Commission (college presidents are increasingly visible in restoring integrity to college athletics), isn't likely to tinker with the rule. Nor with enforcement and drug-testing regulations after the recent years of special attention.

Emphasis these days is on athletic de-emphasis and cost containment. On scholarship and coaching staff reductions. On shortened playing seasons.

On reducing the length of spring football practice.

That was the theme of the NCAA's special June convention in Dallas. And four related issues—financial aid, freshman eligibility, revenue sharing and team championships—are the subjects of a series of open forums being conducted to shape legislation for the January 1989 convention.

Already, the number of yearly football scholarships has been cut from 30 to 25 per school in Division I-A. Basketball grants have been cut from 15 to 13. Both recruiting seasons were shortened by more than half, from about five months to seven weeks in football and about nine months to four in basketball.

Coaches aren't particularly happy. Indiana basketball Coach Bob Knight went so far as to say Division I schools "have to get out of the NCAA and form an organization of people who want to play the game and play it right."

Says Maryland Chancellor and Presidents Commission Chairman John Slaughter: "We believe that strong intercollegiate programs can coexist with strong academics, but there is also a need to bring those things into balance. We want to expand on those things that are good in college athletics and correct those things that aren't."

University of California Chancellor and Presidents Commission member I.M. Heyman draws an even harder line.

"There is a unanimity," he says, "that if nothing else, we ought to cap the momentum of where intercollegiate activities has gone, because it has gone more to approximate professional athletics."

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Honoring Men Who Honor the Game

by Fred Russell

(The author is the sportswriter most closely associated with the National Football Foundation since its start and has been chairman of the Honors Court for 25 years.)

If your dish is college football, the place to find the most All-America players and other notables of the game in one room is at the Waldorf-Astoria Hotel in New York City on Tuesday evening, Dec. 8. That's the date of the National Football Foundation's 30th annual Awards Dinner.

Always it's a sellout, featuring the most recent electees to the Hall of Fame.

Often the question is heard: How are the 11 living players, three deceased players, two living coaches and one deceased coach chosen each year?

A player who has made at least one All-America selection becomes eligible for consideration 10 years after graduation. If he is still playing professional football at that time, he is not eligible until his pro career has ended.

A coach becomes eligible three years after retirement, provided he has been a college head coach for a minimum of 10 years, coached in at least 100 games and has won 60 percent of those games.

The purpose in honoring heroes of the past is to perpetuate the memory of football greats who not only were outstanding performers on the field, but who in their lives after college rendered conspicuous service to their community, demonstrated a love of country and concern for their fellow man.

"We honor men who honor the game, men who are leaders, men who inspire our nation's youth," says Vincent dePaul Draddy, NFFHF chairman.

Candidates are nominated first by NFFHF chapter members. Nominations also may be made by college athletic directors, football coaches and sports information directors, and must be sent to NFFHF executive director and Honors Court (selection committee) secretary Jimmie McDowell by May 1 each year. A further check by chapters and district screening committees follows.

Early in January each year the 12-member Honors Court meets, prepared to devote an entire day to deliberation, if necessary. The Court is composed of one representative from each of eight geographical districts, plus four members-at-large. Most often they are athletic directors, conference commissioners, bowl officers and veteran sportswriters. Each term is for five years and members are eligible for reappointment.

Record books, statistics and recommendations of fellow players and opponents are examined, and after-college achievements studied carefully. Some Honors Court sessions have been marked by strenuous arguments. Yet, given the subjectivity, there has been no instance of accusatory sectional prejudice or angry resignation, which is remarkable.

Perhaps the rarest, most unexpected conclusion occurred last January at San Diego in electing 11 living players. There were 80 nominees. After long discussion, there was secret balloting. Often this has gone six or eight rounds. On the first round, 27 players received one or more votes. On the very next ballot, remarkably, 11 players—the magic number—gained substantial majorities.

Also, despite no effort to insure positional balance, three backs emerged: Fran Tarkenton, Georgia; Don Heinrich, Washington; and John Majors, Tennessee, along with eight linemen: George Webster, Michigan State; Ted Hendricks, University of Miami; Joe Steffy, Army; Carroll Dale, Virginia Tech; Jim Ray Smith, Baylor; Mike Reid, Penn State; Dick Scott, Navy; and Ron Yary, Southern California.

Deceased players elected were Mike McKeever, Southern California; Bob Westfall, Michigan; and Tommy Yarr, Notre Dame. The deceased coach was Thad "Pie" Vann, Southern Mississippi. Living coaches chosen are Bob Blackman, formerly at Denver, Dartmouth, Illinois and Cornell; and David Nelson, at Hillsdale, Maine and Delaware.

There have been very, very few All-America players who became winning coaches over a long period. "I was thrilled to be voted in as a player," said Majors, whose 19-year coaching record going into the 1987 season is 124-88-7. Retired Bobby Dodd, 1930 Tennessee All-America quarterback, elected

as a player, would prefer to have been chosen as a Georgia Tech coach. It makes no difference to John Vaught, All-America guard at Texas Christian and later dominantly victorious coach at Ole Miss. He was elected as a player. When the National Football Foundation established its Hall of Fame, it decreed that only one person, the legendary Amos Alonzo Stagg, would be tapped as both player and coach.

With the 1987 electees, a total of 513 former players and 101 former coaches will be enshrined in the Hall of Fame at Kings Island, Ohio. They've been elected from over two million who played the game. The Georgian Colonial structure of red brick and white limestone, with its white-pillared porch, is located 24 miles north of Cincinnati and is much more than a museum. It is designed to offer visitors football excitement in a modern mood, blending multimedia concepts into a fun-providing learning process.

A one-eighth of a mile Time Tunnel traces the 2,000-year development of the game from ancient Greece to the present. Use of futuristic computers allows a visitor to call up the biography of any Hall of Famer. In a locker room where Knute Rockne can be heard giving a pep talk to his Notre Dame players, there are piped-in antiseptic smells.

The first idea for a college football shrine came to a group of men in Syracuse, N.Y., in 1947. Soon after that a group in New Brunswick, N.J., talked of a museum at Rutgers University there, the site of the first intercollegiate game in 1869, when Rutgers defeated Princeton. The groups later merged and in 1949 Rutgers was chosen as the site. But there was little money. Three times architects drew up plans. Each time they were discarded because of cost. In 1954, Chester LaRoche, former Yale player and New York advertising executive, headed a new committee that adopted the name National Football Foundation and Hall of Fame.

The annual induction dinners began in 1958, but it wasn't until the late 1960s that the NFFHF got off the ground under the leadership of Vince Draddy, former captain and quarterback at Manhattan College, then chairman of the board of the David Crystal Company. Draddy and his NFFHF directors decided against the Rutgers site and, after examining locations at Columbus, Ohio, and Knoxville, Tenn., completed a deal with Taft Broadcasting of Cincinnati to build the shrine at Kings Island.

At the time of its dedication, spokesman Colonel Earl Blaik, whose Dartmouth and Army teams won 166 games, lost only 48 and tied 14, said: "The National Football Foundation and this Hall of Fame seek to perpetuate the true concept of football and to gain recognition of the significant role it plays in the American way of life."

The Kings Island operation is supported principally by proceeds from the Kickoff Classic each August at the Meadowlands in East Rutherford, N.J.

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Majors All-Americans: John, then Bobby ('71).





Jerry Sandusky's ingenious defensive game plan was the primary reason Penn State won the 1986 national title.

Assistant Coach of the Year Nittany's Defensive Lion

by Bill Lyon

On the morning after Penn State had won its second national championship of this decade, what everyone wanted to know from Joe Paterno was exactly how the Nittany Lions' defense had so thoroughly defused Miami's high-octane offense. Paterno sipped at his coffee, blinked owlishly and responded: "I don't know exactly. Jerry hasn't explained to me the details of what we were doing yet."

He was only half-kidding.

Jerry is Jerry Sandusky, a cerebral, aw-shucks-humble, relentless watcher and analyzer of films, and, most importantly, the defensive coordinator for the Lions. Penn State, of course, is to linebacking what Juilliard is to piano playing, and for the better part of two

decades the man who has been responsible for turning out all those concertmasters in cleats at Linebacker U. has been Sandusky.

No one in sports is quite so anonymous as an assistant football coach, but on the day after Penn State had beaten Miami in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl, Paterno was going out of his way to make sure that Sandusky was being made known nationally.

Sandusky is honored now by *Athlon* as Assistant Coach of the Year. He becomes the second such award recipient, succeeding Ken Donahue of Tennessee.

Sandusky has sent 21 linebackers to the National Football League. Seven played last fall. He has developed eight first-team All-America backers. But what has endeared him

even more to Paterno is his ability to conjure up defensive magic in the biggest games against the most celebrated opponents.

When Penn State's defense shut out Miami quarterback Vinny Testaverde—zero touchdowns, five interceptions—it was just one more in a long line of throttlings dreamed up by Sandusky.

A few of the more memorable examples of Sandusky's defensive game plans:

- When Penn State won its first national championship in 1982, it did so by beating the splendiferous Herschel Walker and Georgia in the Sugar Bowl. When the game was on the line, Walker got the ball—a pitch and a sweep. He also got stuffed. The interference was strung out and Walker was smothered by four

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tacklers. Sandusky: "The key with a back as powerful as Herschel is to keep him from getting turned upfield. Once he gets his shoulders squared to the line of scrimmage, it's all over. He gets headed upfield and it's a runaway truck. You have to pursue and not let him get squared up." Obediently, the defense kept Walker running laterally. Penn State 27, Georgia 23.

- The only time in his collegiate career that Marcus Allen failed to rush for 100 yards as a starter was against Penn State in the 1982 Fiesta Bowl. Sandusky: "Marcus is a great reader. He sits back there in the I-formation and knows where the holes will open. We tried to confuse him with some false reads and also to get penetration so that we could disrupt the play before it ever got started. It's important to take away the interference before it ever forms." Penn State 26, Southern California 10.

- Dan Marino had already put up two touchdowns and was driving Pitt in for a third on Nov. 28, 1981. It was 14-0, and still Penn State insisted on sitting back in that eight-deep defense. Suddenly, it would all make sense. There was an interception by the Lions. And another. Marino, in stages, became confused, uncertain, tentative. He would cock and aim, and then cock again. He never dented Penn State's defense again. The Nittany Lions ran off 48 unanswered points. Sandusky: "Most of the time we only rushed three because we felt he was a more dangerous passer when he was flushed from the pocket. With eight in the secondary, we could really disguise our coverages." Penn State 48, Pitt 14.

Those are some of the more recent of Sandusky's defensive triumphs. None, however, is more pristine than the 14-10 victory over Miami in the 1987 Fiesta Bowl. Testaverde, like Marino before him, was befuddled by Sandusky's cleverly camouflaged defensive alignments. Testaverde had thrown 116 straight passes without an interception in 1985 and 114 last season. Yet the Heisman Trophy winner was intercepted five times by Penn State.

"He was just throwing by the numbers," Paterno said. "He didn't expect anybody to be there. Jerry did another remarkable job."

Sandusky, typically, had gone half-blind looking at Miami films, and finally one bleary-eyed early morning had concluded that if Miami's receivers were jammed at the line, they tended to lose interest in running their routes, and that if they were whacked with gusto when they did catch the ball, their enthusiasm for future plays tended to wane quickly.

"Coach Sandusky told us that if we'd lay a good lick on their receivers when they caught the ball, then their arms would get about eight inches shorter," says cornerback Duffy Cobbs. "He was right. But then he always is. Every play, it seemed Vinny was staring me right in the eyes. We'd be faking man-to-man coverage and I'd be saying to myself, 'I hope he

believes it, I hope he believes it.' He'd chuckle just before the snap, and we'd all think, 'Good, and switch to a zone.'"

Adds Shane Conlan, the latest, and acclaimed as the best, of the Penn State linebackers: "All week they kept going on and on about how great and fast their receivers were and how short and slow our defensive backs were, but I just smiled to myself, because I knew they'd never been hit by them. Those little guys will rock you. I thought that was the key to the game. We didn't say much but we were confident, because we knew Coach Sandusky would come up with a way to stop them."

After all of these testimonials, the wonder is that Sandusky is not a head coach somewhere. Surely someone has tried to lure him away from Happy Valley. The answer is that college and pro teams alike have tried.

"Many people have talked to me about hiring him," Paterno says. "He has great teaching ability and a gift for setting up the sort of drills that teach the kids to execute all of the things we ask them to do as linebackers. Jerry has been reluctant to talk to anybody about a head coaching job, though, because of all the commitments he has in this community."

Ah yes, the commitments. They, more even than his defensive genius, are what set Sandusky and his wife, Dottie, apart from the crowd.

The Sanduskys were unable to have children of their own, so in 1969 they adopted a son. Later, they adopted another child. And then another. And another. Six, finally. And then they began to raise foster children. As the

When Joe Paterno retires, Sandusky may toss his hat in the ring for the job.



family grew, the Sanduskys dreamed about starting a group home for troubled youngsters. That dream has since become reality—a house, for six children at a time, and 20 acres of land only two miles from Beaver Stadium. It is known as The Second Mile, as in Matthew 5:41: "And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain." Part of the finances come from the sale of a manual written by Sandusky: *Developing Linebackers the Penn State Way*.

Says Paterno: "Jerry and Dottie are special, special people. We're all so proud of what they have done, and we certainly would hate to lose them. But at the same time, I'd hate to see him lose his chance to be a head coach."

Says Sandusky, shrugging: "There was a time when I really was interested in becoming a head coach. After all, that's what everyone in this profession aspires to. But the timing never really seemed quite right, and then we had so many things developing with our own family and with the house. We believe in the saying that it's not what happens to you, but how you react to it that is important. If it's meant to be, then it will happen."

It is, his associates all testify, Sandusky's nature to be happy only when he is helping others. Which would seem to be the essence of an assistant coach.

"We recruit an awful lot of linebackers," Sandusky says. "Those kinds of kids are usually leaders, outgoing, the ones the other kids turn to for leadership."

Interestingly, when he played football, first at Washington (Pa.) High School and then at Penn State, it was not as a linebacker. He lettered three years at Penn State and was a starter in 1964 and 1965 as a defensive end. He graduated in '66 and a year later received his M.Ed. degree from Penn State. He was an assistant coach for one year each at Juniata College in Huntingdon, Pa., and Boston University before returning to Happy Valley.

In 1969, Sandusky's first year as Penn State linebacker coach, Dennis Onkotz became a first-team All-American. It was the start of a trend.

Will Sandusky be a career assistant coach? Or, one day, will there be a team identified as his and his alone? Some speculate that he will be Paterno's successor. Paterno, who is 60, said after the Fiesta Bowl that he would coach "for another four years, maybe five, but no more than that." Would Sandusky's loyalty then be rewarded?

There is precedent. For 16 years, Rip Engle had an assistant on his Penn State staff who was skinny, wore thick glasses and was bright, and everyone wondered why he never took a head coaching job. Joe Paterno always answered that he was happy just being in Happy Valley. Jerry Sandusky says the same thing. He has always been so selfless that you cannot help but believe him.

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Sometimes A Word Will Do

by Mike Babcock

Dadgumit. Sometimes, one word is enough. For example...

Nebraska trailed upset-minded Iowa State 14-7 at halftime in Ames, Iowa, last fall, after the Cyclones scored 14 points in a 45-second span late in the second quarter. And dadgumit, Cornhusker Coach Tom Osborne was concerned.

OK, he was downright angry.

"He blew his stack; he did his red-face trick," says Charlie McBride, Nebraska's defensive coordinator.

Osborne doesn't often blow his stack the way he did that afternoon. Kevin Parsons, a linebacker in his fourth season as a Cornhusker, can't recall having seen such a display before from his coach.

"It was the first time I've ever heard Coach Osborne yell at halftime," Parsons says. "He got pretty excited."

It was straight from the heart.

"People think Coach Osborne is really reserved, but all he has to say is dadgumit, and everybody gets real quiet," says Ken Kaelin, another Nebraska senior.

No swear words, just dadgumit.

"I think it kind of shocked everybody," Parsons says. "When Coach Osborne raises his voice, you know it's time to get with it."

Osborne said more than dadgumit, of course. He talked about winning a Big Eight championship and playing in a major bowl game on New Year's Day, standard motivational stuff. Then he pointed out the relationship between those things and that dadgum 14-7 deficit on the scoreboard.

The Cornhuskers responded by scoring 14 points in each of the final two quarters to win 35-14.

Sometimes, a little psychology goes a long way. For example...

Maryland trailed sixth-ranked Miami 31-0 at halftime in Miami's Orange Bowl late in the 1984 season. And Bobby Ross, the Terrapins' head coach at the time, was upset, although a visitor might not have known it.

"I didn't raise my voice the entire halftime," Ross says. "Very quietly, I said, 'I want your attention.' Then came the psychology."

It was spontaneous, unrehearsed. Ross told his players they were going to stay on the field after the game and run one 40-yard dash for each point Miami scored.

"Right now, you owe me 31 40-yard dashes,"



Maryland overcame a 31-0 halftime deficit in '84 with Bobby Ross applying the right psychology.

said Ross. "It's up to you how many more you want to run."

Maryland gave up nine more points in the second half and trailed 34-0 early in the third quarter. But the Terrapins scored 42 on six consecutive touchdowns and extra-point kicks.

Afterward, during Maryland's celebration of the 42-40 victory, Terrapin captains Kevin Glover and Eric Wilson whispered to Ross, "Do we still have to run those dashes?"

Ross relented. How could he make them run?

"That was as perfect a half as I can ever remember, against a very good team," Ross says. "It was a great comeback. But it seemed so matter-of-fact."

As a matter of fact, it was to some degree. Maryland's comeback was a result of more than just the threat by Ross.

The Terrapins made some adjustments. "Offensively, we wanted no motion, no shifting, quick cadences," Ross says. "Every second was precious. Defensively, every play had to be an individual battle. Players had to have personal pride and win their battles."

One of the most significant adjustments was putting backup quarterback Frank Reich into the game. Reich completed 12 of 15 passes for 260 yards and

three touchdowns and ran for another touchdown.

The decision to use Reich was made by Ross and no one else. "Ordinarily, I would talk with the other coaches before doing something like that," he says, "but I had my mind made up going off the field I was going to change. I had to do something to shake things up."

Most of the time, the locker room at halftime of a college football game is pretty mundane.

"People would probably be disappointed if they knew what happens at halftime," says Boston College Coach Jack Bicknell.

That isn't to say Bicknell can't be demonstrative when the situation demands it. He can slam his hat to the floor with the best of them.

For example...

Boston College trailed Temple 35-21 at halftime in Philadelphia last season. The winner would likely receive a postseason bowl invitation. Bicknell was disappointed in the play of his defense, which had allowed 301 yards.

"The offense was playing like heck, but we didn't have any intensity on defense," says Bicknell.

He addressed the defense with candor.

"You've got to get into this thing," Bicknell said. "Why go to sleep on us now, when we've got a chance to be in a bowl?"

Then he took off his hat and threw it down.

Everyone knew he was mad.

"Maybe once a year Jack'll do something like that," says Reid Oslin, Boston College sports information director. "He's usually pretty laid-back. He's not a drill sergeant. He doesn't use that approach."

The Eagles went out and won the game 38-29.

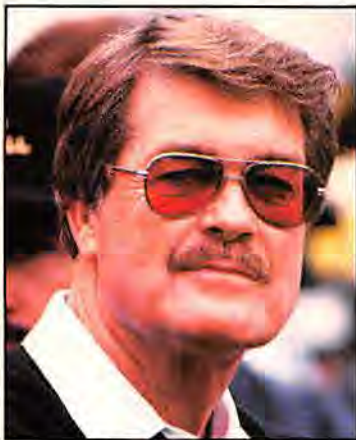
Boston College has a football highlights film that includes a look behind the scenes. Bicknell's talk at halftime of the Temple game is included.

Hollywood put college football's most famous halftime speech on film, with Pat O'Brien, playing Notre Dame Coach Knute Rockne, delivering it.

Notre Dame and Army were tied 0-0 at halftime of their game at Yankee Stadium on Nov. 10, 1928. That day, with 78,188 looking on, the Fighting Irish came back to win 12-6 after being asked by Rockne to "win one for the Gipper."

The Gipper (played by Ronald Reagan in the 1940 film) was George Gipp, a great halfback at Notre Dame who died of a strep infection in December of 1920. On his deathbed Gipp made two requests: that he be baptized in the Roman Catholic Church and (this one of Rockne) that "some day when the going

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HAYDEN FRY



JOHN COOPER

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Even as college football becomes increasingly sophisticated, in some ways it remains the same.

The complexity of defensive coverages, the bewildering multiplicity of offensive sets, the unprecedented size and speed of the athletes—all have made tremendous impacts on the game. Yet, to a large extent, the contest is still a chess match on the sidelines. The right move, at the right time, frequently dictates the outcome.

With 150 wins in his career, Iowa's Hayden Fry has long been a master of sideline strategy. In eight seasons he has guided Hawkeye teams to a 61-33-1 record, six consecutive bowl appearances and two Rose Bowls.

Fry's teams take whatever their opponents give them. They are as adept in a defensive struggle as they are in a high-scoring shootout (witness Iowa's 39-38 Holiday Bowl victory last year). The one thing you can expect: The Hawkeyes will always be fundamentally sound, and they will seldom beat themselves.

Play 1: Iowa meets Michigan on a wet, chilly October afternoon in Ann Arbor. Midway through the first quarter, there is no score. The Wolverine defense was stingy on Iowa's first possession. After a Michigan punt, however, the Hawkeyes have driven to their 40, where they face third and four.

- (a) Halfback sweep to strong side.
- (b) 15-yard pass to tight end over the middle.
- (c) Quick-out pass to flanker.

Play 2: Leading 10-7 with less than one minute remaining in the first half, Iowa has just blocked a Michigan punt and recovered inside the 10-yard line. It is now second and goal from the 5. The Hawkeyes have two timeouts left.

- (a) Fullback up the middle.
- (b) Timing pattern to wide receiver in corner of end zone.
- (c) Quarterback roll out, run-pass option.

Play 3: On their first second-half possession, the Wolverines put together a long scoring drive, trimming Iowa's lead to 17-14. After a holding penalty on the kickoff, the Hawkeyes are backed up to their

8, where they have it first and 10. The wind is at their backs.

- (a) Halfback off tackle.
- (b) Quarterback executes play-action fake, goes deep to wide receiver.
- (c) Misdirection left, halfback runs right.

Play 4: Early in the final period, the score is tied at 17. Now moving into a 20-mph wind, Iowa has used its ground game to reach the Michigan 25. It is third and five.

- (a) Sprint-out draw to halfback, keeping the ball in the middle of the field.
- (b) Sideline screen pass to halfback.
- (c) Play-action pass to tight end on 10-yard curl route.

Play 5: With just under three minutes to play, Iowa now leads 20-17. The Hawkeyes face fourth and inches at midfield; a first down will enable them to run out most of the clock. Michigan, with two timeouts left, lines up in a nine-man front.

- (a) Fullback blast over right guard.
- (b) Quick pitch to halfback around the strong side.
- (c) Attempt to draw defense offside with long snap count. If this fails, take delay of game penalty and punt.

Under John Cooper, Arizona State has been on an extremely fast track. After reinvigorating the program at Tulsa, Cooper's coaching prowess and towel-waving enthusiasm led the Sun Devils to eight wins in '85, his first season in Tempe. It took only one more year for Arizona State to win the Pac-10, beat Michigan in the Rose Bowl and finish fourth in the Associated Press final poll.

The Sun Devils like to demolish opponents on both sides of the ball. In 1986, they ranked first in the Pac-10 in both total offense and scoring defense, and they were the least penalized team in the conference. Little wonder they rolled to a 10-1-1 record.

Play 6: Still early in the first quarter, Arizona State trails UCLA 7-0 after a Bruin cornerback re-

turned an intercepted pass for a touchdown. The Sun Devils now have the ball at their 35, second and 10. The UCLA defense is showing blitz.

- (a) Play-action fake, quarterback passes to wide receiver on a sideline curl pattern.
- (b) Screen pass to tailback.
- (c) Hold blockers in for maximum protection, go for the bomb.

Play 7: Later in the same possession, Arizona State has utilized a strong balance of passing and running to reach the UCLA 19. The Bruin defense has stiffened, however, and the Sun Devils now face fourth and half a yard.

- (a) Quarterback sneak.
- (b) Power sweep to tailback.
- (c) Field goal.

Play 8: Late in the second period, UCLA leads 14-7. Now relying on the running game, Arizona State has ground out six straight first downs to reach the UCLA 8. It is second and six. The Sun Devils have just called time out to stop the clock; they have two left.

- (a) Play-action fake, pass to tailback coming out of the backfield.
- (b) Tailback sweep, call timeout.
- (c) Draw play with receivers taking defensive backs toward corners of the end zone.

Play 9: After receiving the second-half kickoff, UCLA fumbles at its own 45, where Arizona State takes over first and 10. UCLA still leads 14-10.

- (a) Deep post pattern to wide receiver, looking for a quick score.
- (b) Pitch to tailback going around left end.
- (c) Fullback up the middle.

Play 10: With under two minutes remaining in the game, UCLA clings to a 24-20 lead, but Arizona State has completed a long pass to the Bruin 7. Three straight running plays have moved the ball just outside the 1, where it is now fourth and goal.

- (a) Fake triple option, quarterback keeps around right end.
- (b) Power-I formation, tailback off left tackle.
- (c) Play-action fake, pass to tight end.

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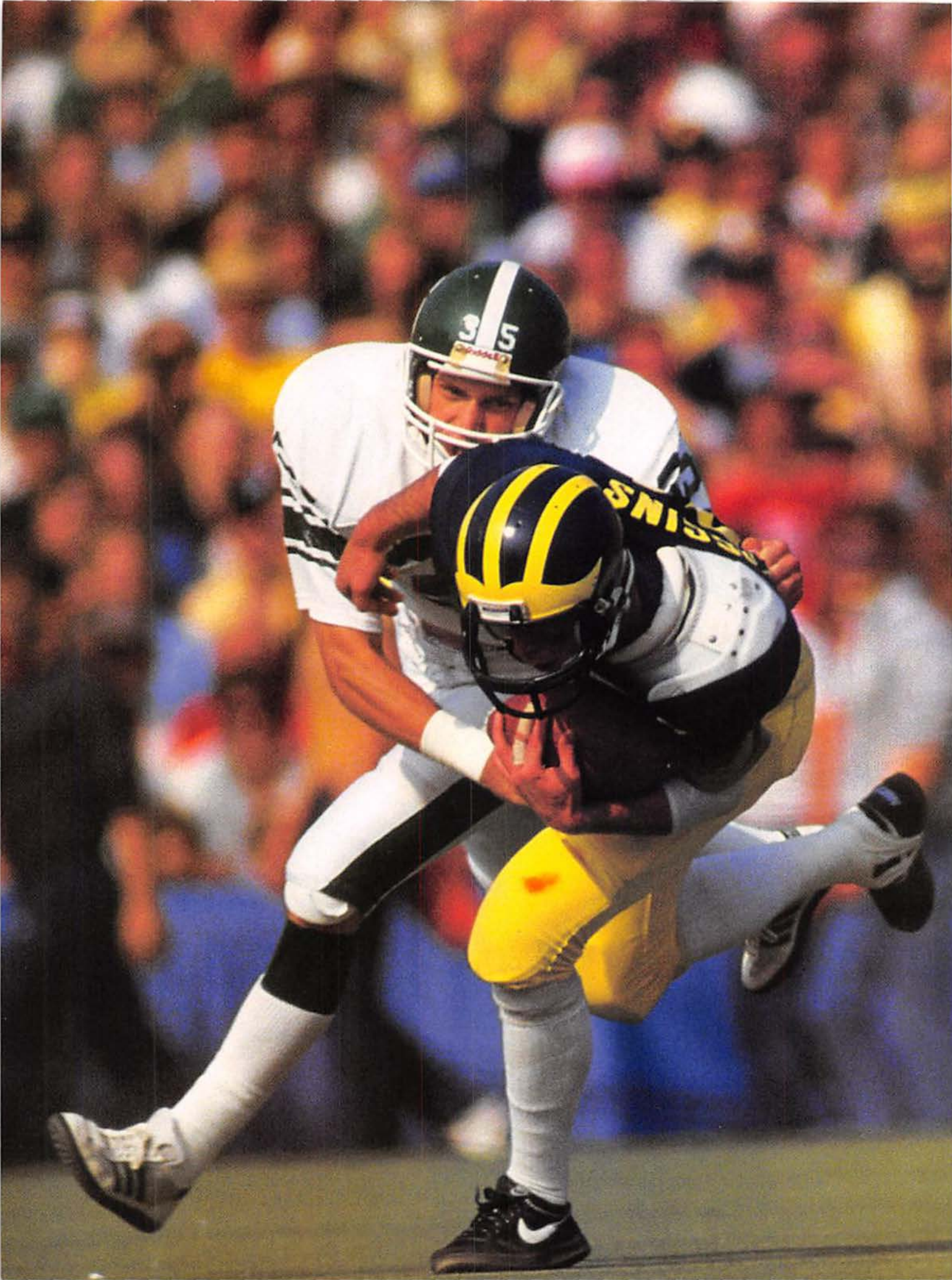
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← *As the only senior starter in the secondary, Todd Krumm (35) will act as the policeman.*

(Michigan State continued)

Rison draws the double coverage Ingram saw last season, Bouyer could surprise a few people. He had just nine receptions last season, but four in this year's spring game.

The tight ends are senior Mike Sargent (6-1, 239), a two-year starter, and junior Rich Gicewicz (6-4, 236). In Perles' system, they're blockers first and receivers second, but they teamed for 28 catches and five touchdowns last season.

The offensive line, under new assistant Pat Morris, revolves around senior center Pat Shurmur (6-2, 238), a grad student this fall and possible Academic All-American.

Vying for the guard spots are juniors Vince Tata (6-1, 265) and Mark Hill (6-4, 270) and sophomore Bob Kula (6-4, 267). Back at tackle are Houle (6-4, 276), one of the few players as strong as Nichols, and junior Tony Mandarich (6-5, 297).

On defense, the Spartans play Perles' trademark "stunt 4-3," but they will move Nichols around this fall, especially in passing situations.

His partner at tackle is slimmed-down sophomore Travis Davis (6-2, 258), a highly enthusiastic type and co-MVP in the spring game.

"You have to let the quarterback know you're there," Davis says. "Coach (Steve) Furness always says, 'Put pressure on the quarterback! Put pressure on the quarterback!' Then, you have to hit him hard and discourage him a little bit."

You won't get any argument from junior defensive end John Budde (6-3, 230), last year's leader in tackles for losses, or senior Joe Bergin (6-0, 248), who mans the other end.

Replacing All-Big Ten and Academic All-America middle linebacker Shane Bullough is collision-seeking sophomore Percy Snow (6-3, 211). He may not have Bullough's cerebral style, but his speed and strength should compensate for that.

The weak-side linebacker will either be senior Rob Stradley (6-2, 200), junior Kurt Larson (6-4, 232) or redshirt freshman Dixon Edwards (6-1, 189). Stradley had arthroscopic knee surgery this spring, and Larson had major surgery last fall.

The biggest change on defense comes in the secondary, where last year's starting cornerbacks, senior Todd Krumm and junior John Miller, are now the No. 1 safeties.

The left cornerback spot should go to junior Derrick Reed, an instantly eligible Southern Methodist transfer who played more minutes than any Mustang last season. The right cornerback will either be rangy redshirt freshman Lenier Payton or speedy junior Craig Johnson, a converted tailback.

Back to handle the punting is senior Greg Montgomery, a *Playboy* All-American with the best average (47.8) of any kicker in the country last year. With 39 punts, he was one boot shy of qualifying for the NCAA statistical title.

The placekicking will probably fall to redshirt



The Spartan green won't be blue if White, Lorenzo, that is, comes through like he did as a sophomore.

freshman John Langeloh. Montgomery is also a possibility for long field-goal tries, and incoming freshman John Aerni, who had six field goals in one game as a prep, could challenge.

If everything breaks right, so could Michigan State in the fifth year of Perles' five-year plan.

"We're not rebuilding," he says. "We were three points in four games away from an outstanding season. Most of those people return. The only thing we're missing is a lot of fifth-year seniors in the two lines."

To players who arrived with Perles four years ago and will leave next spring (with or without a championship), that's not a good enough excuse.

"We've got to do it all now," Nichols says. "It's now or never. We don't have another year. There is no tomorrow for us."

"This is our year, the one we've been waiting for," says Moore. "People don't think we're all that good. But really, that's to our advantage. Because we are."

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Quarterback Bobby McAllister (8) has taken a back seat in his early years, but finally he's No. 1.



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BIG TEN BLUE CHIPPERS



by Taylor Bell

Awishbone quarterback in Ohio? No line-backers or linemen from the Chicago Catholic League? An Ohio running back who wants to attend Penn State? A 235-pound lineman who wants to be a fullback? A running back who led his team to a state basketball championship?

What kind of year is this in the Midwest?

Athlon's Elite Eleven—the best high school football prospects in the Big Ten area for 1987—includes four Ohioans, three Illinois products, two Michigan players and one each from Indiana and Wisconsin. Among them are a running back anxious to prove he isn't too short to be a big-timer, another ball carrier rated the best back in Ohio as a junior and a versatile athlete being recruited by major colleges in three sports.

"This is a real good year in the Midwest," says Chicago-based talent scout Tom Lemming. "There are 25-30 players who could rate the Elite Eleven. There are more good prospects than last year. Ohio and Michigan have a lot of talent. And the Chicago area will be strong again."

Ohio's representatives are quarterback Kirk Herbstreit (6-3, 185) of Centerville and running backs O.J. McDuffie (5-11, 170) of Gates Mill Hawken, Pat Rogan (6-2, 218) of Urbana and Chuck Webb (5-11, 195) of Toledo Macomber-Whitney. How's that for a full-house backfield?

Herbstreit averaged only 15 passes per game last season, engineering a triple option offense that produced a 10-1 record.

Recruiters agree he is the No. 1 quarterback prospect in the Midwest, a rarity for a wishbone performer, especially in a season in which there are several outstanding quarterback prospects in the Big Ten area.

Baseball may be Otis James McDuffie's best sport, not football. As a sophomore, he broke eight career records at his school. Arizona State is recruiting him in baseball; Ohio State and Michigan want him for football; and Northwestern is wooing him for basketball.

McDuffie wants to double in football and baseball in college. As a sophomore wide receiver, he caught 51 passes for 780 yards. Switched to tailback as a junior, he rushed for 1,709 yards, scored 31 touchdowns and caught 21 passes for 505 yards for a 12-1 team that lost in the Class A semifinals.

With his size, Rogan may be better suited to being a linebacker than a running back in college. Coach Bob Brenning says recruiters will get a chance to make that evaluation because Rogan will play both ways as a senior.

An exceptional athlete, Rogan won the 400-meter dash in the state track meet as a freshman. As a junior, despite missing parts of three games with a leg injury, he rushed for 1,292 yards and 21 touchdowns.

Webb was Ohio's Class AAA Back of the Year in 1986, a rarity for an underclassman. He averaged

10.6 yards per carry while rushing for 1,795 yards and 17 touchdowns. He carried 17 times for 311 yards against Toledo Waite and scored nine touchdowns from beyond midfield.

"Most college coaches are saying Webb is the best back in the nation," says his coach, Bill Young, who rates him better than 1986 All-American Carlos Snow of Cincinnati, a member of last year's Midwest Elite Eleven.

Illinois' top prospects are tight end John Dauskurdas (6-6, 215) of Lisle Benet, offensive tackle Lindsey Knapp (6-5, 230) of Deerfield and tight end-linebacker Kevin Quast (6-2, 230) of Rolling Meadows.

Dauskurdas missed four games with a broken finger last fall, but he still managed to catch 25 passes for 350 yards. Also an excellent blocker and punting prospect, he was so impressive a recruiter told Lisle Benet Coach Tim Cederblad: "If he'd been a senior, we would have offered him a scholarship."

Knapp reminds Chicago-area coaches of former Evanston star Mike Kenn, who was tall and slender in high school but went on to stardom at Michigan and the Atlanta Falcons, and is now 6-7, 277.

"Scouts watch three or four minutes of film and say they've seen enough," says his coach, Paul Adams. "I anticipate he'll be 6-6, 275 pounds in college. As a junior, he's further along than any offensive lineman I've coached in 25 years. I've never had a kid who was so quick (4.9), so big, so smart and so strong."

Quast, brother of Iowa linebacker Brad Quast, is following in his footsteps. He has 4.8 speed and bench-presses 340 pounds. "As a junior, he was better than his brother," says Rolling Meadows Coach Fred Lussow.

Michigan is represented by running backs Courtney Hawkins (5-11, 180) of Flint Beecher and Mar-

cus Reliford (5-9, 185) from Orchard Lake St. Mary's.

Hawkins is a two-time all-stater. As a freshman quarterback he rushed for 480 yards and passed for 475. Last fall he carried 96 times for 1,047 yards and 17 touchdowns.

"He is a man among boys," says Flint Beecher Coach Tyrone Armstrong. "We call him the Little General. UCLA is looking at him as a tailback, Notre Dame as a defensive back. If it was me, I'd put the ball in his hands. The things you have to teach, he does instinctively."

"Nobody is too short," says Reliford, who has been timed in 4.27 seconds for 40 yards and 6.2 for 60. "He has the quickest first five steps of any running back I've ever seen in high school or college," says Coach Rob Hager, who once assisted at Vanderbilt and Western Kentucky.

Last fall Reliford carried 157 times for 1,317 yards, averaging 8.4 yards per carry, and scored 27 touchdowns.

Running back Marvin "Rusty" Setzer (5-9, 182) of Hammond (Ind.) Bishop Noll has been timed in 4.4 seconds in the 40. As a freshman and sophomore, he was runnerup in the 100- and 200-meter dashes in the state track meet.

Last fall Setzer carried 223 times for 1,400 yards and scored 102 points. Though he played both ways, some recruiters wonder if he is too short to be a big-time tailback. "But when you run as fast as he does, you've got to look at him," says Coach Jerry Vlasic, who notes Notre Dame, UCLA and USC on Setzer's shopping list.

Wisconsin's No. 1 prospect is offensive tackle Darin VandeZande (6-4, 235) of Oconomowoc. His coach, Ed Rux, compares him favorably to older brother Chad, sophomore at Wisconsin. An outstanding pass rusher, Darin was credited with 13 sacks for a 10-1 team that lost in the state semifinals.

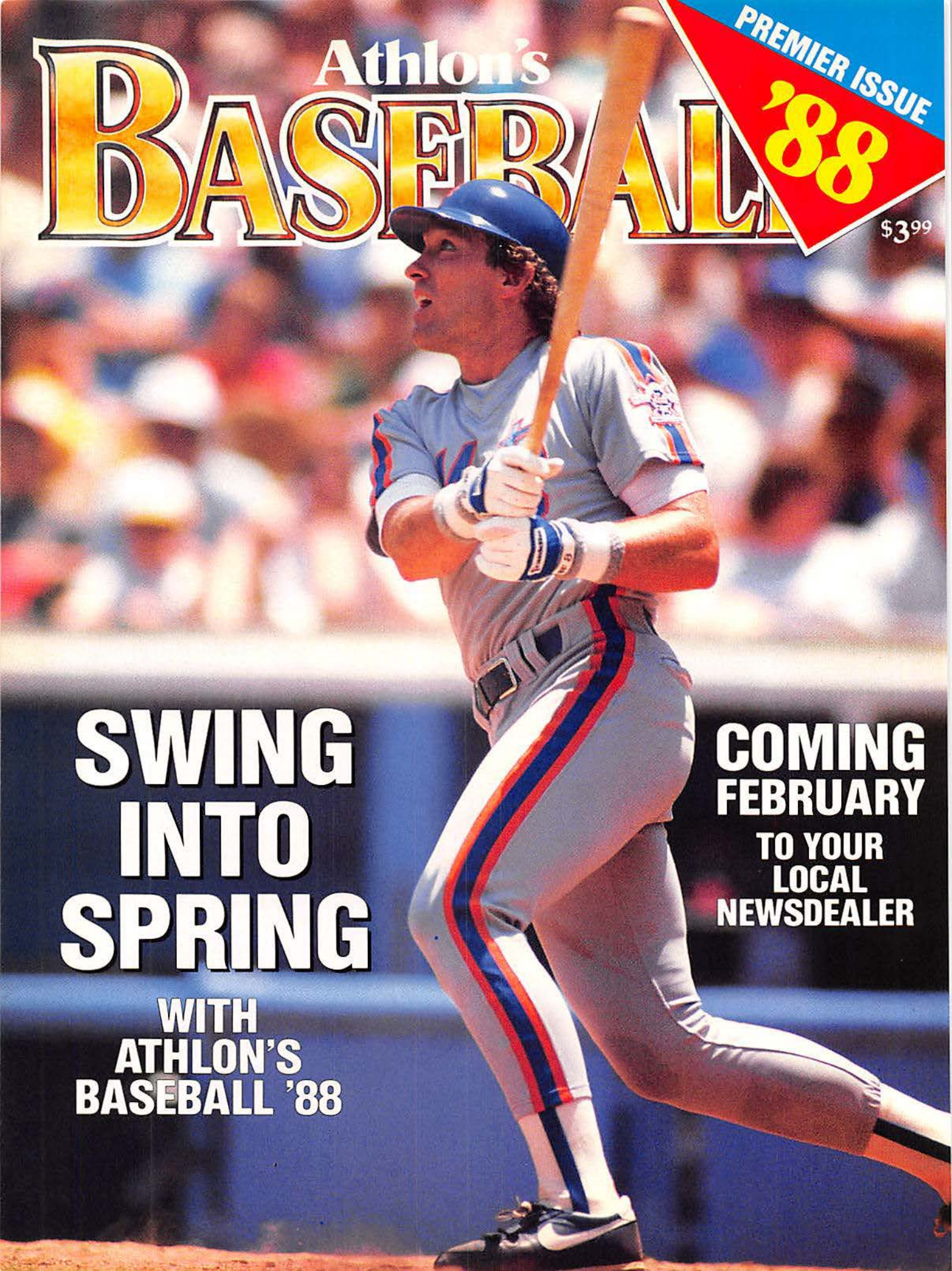
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Big Ten High School Elite Eleven

Top prospects in the seven-state conference area:

John Dauskurdas, TE, 6-6, 215, Lisle (Ill.) Benet
Courtney Hawkins, RB-DB, 5-11, 180, Flint (Mich.) Beecher
Kirk Herbstreit, QB, 6-3, 185, Centerville, Ohio
Lindsey Knapp, OT, 6-5, 230, Deerfield, Ill.
O.J. McDuffie, WR-RB, 5-11, 170, Gates Mill (Ohio) Hawken
Kevin Quast, TE-LB, 6-2, 230, Rolling Meadows, Ill.
Marcus Reliford, RB, 5-9, 185, Orchard Lake (Mich.) St. Mary's
Pat Rogan, RB, 6-2, 218, Urbana, Ohio
Rusty Setzer, RB, 5-9, 182, Hammond (Ind.) Bishop Noll
Darin VandeZande, OT, 6-4, 235, Oconomowoc, Wis.
Chuck Webb, RB, 5-11, 195, Toledo (Ohio) Macomber-Whitney

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(Wisconsin continued)

be tested. We could be like the San Diego Chargers—score 40 points and lose 41-40."

Morton doesn't expect that to happen, even with 10 new defensive starters. He thinks the Badgers might surprise a few folks by the time conference play begins. And if they don't, he won't complain.

"You play with the hand you're dealt," Morton says. "We'll play with a young defensive team and a new staff and see what happens."

"We don't have many starters back, but (junior tackle) Leon Johnson (6-4, 247) has shown some leadership. (Junior inside linebacker) David Wings (6-1, 238) has established himself. And we really need Dan Kissling's athletic ability."

Kissling (6-2, 230), a sophomore who had an 81-yard kickoff return against Michigan State, will team with junior Tim Knoeck (6-3, 219) or senior Aaron Swopes (6-2, 198) at invert linebacker, a combination outside backer and strong safety.

Joining Wings inside should be junior Vic Fortino (6-3, 212) or junior Scott Johnson (6-3, 234). They'll be hard-pressed to fill the shoes of All-Big Ten choice Michael Reid, Craig Radatz and Charlie Fawley.

The rest of the defensive line features junior Chad VandeZande (6-3, 255) at nose guard and junior Jeff Wolf (6-3, 259) and sophomores Dan Batsch (6-5, 217) and Don Davey (6-5, 227) at tackle.

The secondary won't have a standout like departed cornerback Nate Odomes this season. Junior Brad Mayo and senior Robert Williams or sophomore LaMarr White should flank junior Pete Nowka, the only returning defensive starter.

But perhaps the Badgers' best defensive weapon will be Cepicky's punts, the kind that can mean a quick touchdown after a turnover.

"Last year, between Todd and me, we proved the kicking game can win for you, like against Illinois," Cepicky says. "We've got everyone fired up about special teams. It's an honor to play on them. Guys come up and say, 'I wish I was on the punt team.'"

A lot of kickers wish they could match Cepicky's statistics. Last year, Wisconsin's career punting king averaged 43 yards, despite cutting his average to avoid touchbacks.

"Coffin-corner kicks are part of my job," he says. "Some punters, at places like Michigan, always have an optimum situation. The only other guy in the league who works the corners is Tom Tupa at Ohio State. He's great. But I haven't had nearly the publicity he has had or as much as I should have had."

Most of his publicity has come from an ability to punt with either leg. But Cepicky said this year's kicks will come off his right instep.

"I think that I have finally kind of wised up about that," Cepicky says. "I got laid out when I ran the ball once, and I definitely did not enjoy that experience. But I might pooch (bunt) the



Bud Keyes is the quarterback heir apparent but doesn't have a lock on the job.

ball with my left foot if I ever get a bad snap from center."

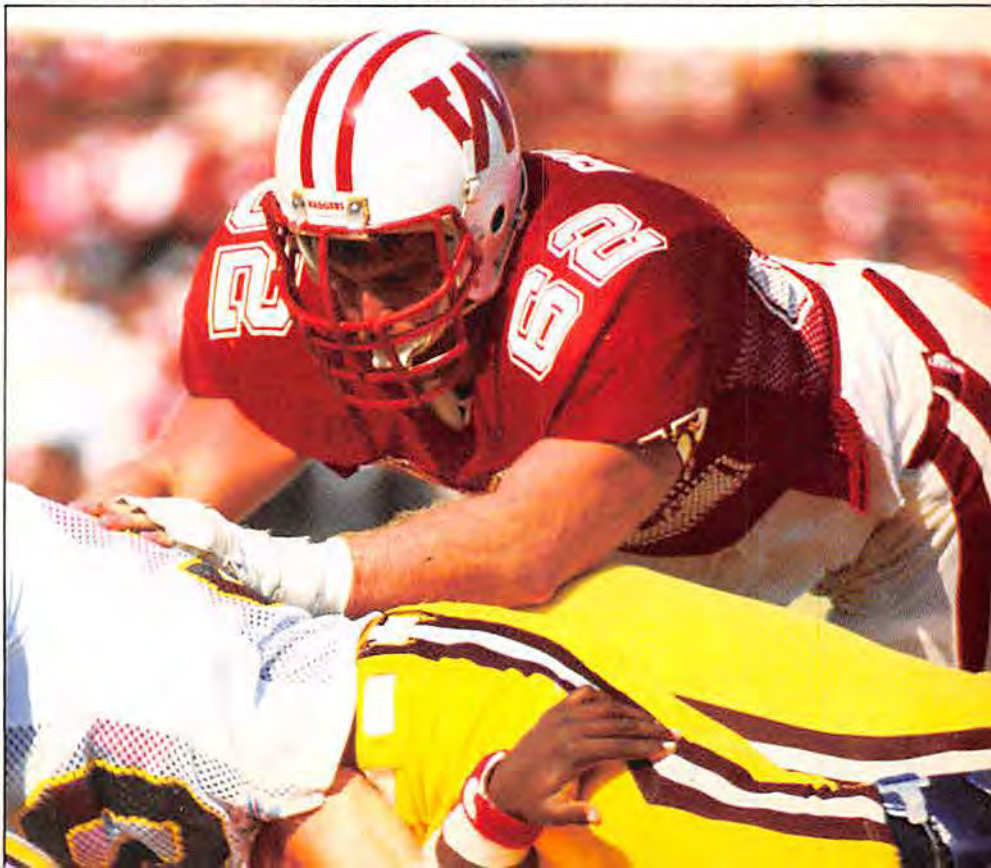
"Last year was something you just have to forget—everything that happened," Morton says. "And you're treading on hallowed ground

when you talk about Dave McClain. But there's no question about it, he brought this program a long way."

Perhaps almost as long as the kicks of Gregoire and Cepicky.

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It's a weighty problem for the men on the bottom when 291-pound Paul Gruber joins a gathering.





Erick Coleman lends senior experience to the Hoosiers' secondary.

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Jeff Fryar (6-5, 272), Berry Handley (6-6, 275) and Chris Simons (6-5, 273). Senior Brian Finney (6-3, 264) is the leading candidate for the center slot.

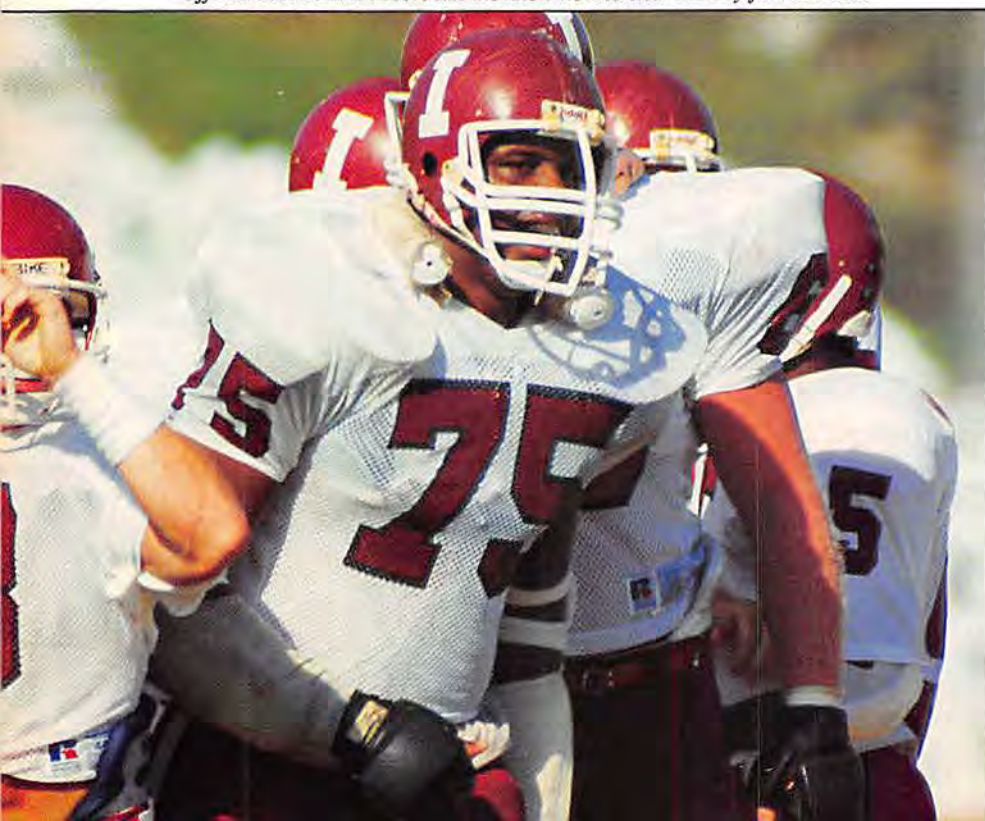
Mallory expects to have a strong offensive team. Senior guards Don Shrader (6-2, 274) and Tim Radtke (6-2, 265) are entering their third year as starters.

Senior fullback Tom Polce is a third-year starter pressed hard by his 1986 backup, Andre

Powell, also a senior. Jones heads a wide-out corps that includes seniors Ken Allen, who had 929 yards in receptions in 1985 but only 211 last year, and Tony Buford, who had 24 catches for 384 yards last year. The tight ends are senior Carlos Marte (6-4, 225) and junior Tim Jorden (6-3, 228), both of whom play at the same time sometimes.

The pieces are there, if keys like Thompson and Schnell stay healthy.

Offensive tackle Eric Moore has the know-how to clear the way for his backs.



Defense is where Mallory hopes to make improvement, and that's despite the loss to graduation of strong safety Leonard Bell (a third-round NFL draft pick) and free safety Alex Green. In the spring, Mallory also operated without starting senior cornerback Eric Hickerson, whose grade problems might be cleared up by the fall semester. If not, the likely starters are holdover senior regular Erick Coleman and sophomore Joe Ziegler, though both of them went down with knee injuries minutes apart in the same spring scrimmage.

Green's replacement at free safety is expected to be senior Brian Dewitz, who battled Kramme for the starting quarterback job most of last year. Dewitz made the transition in the spring and earned Mallory's approval. A former walk-on, senior Marc Ferry, may claim the strong safety spot. Mallory plans to look closely at several freshman defensive backs early in fall practice with backup or even starting duty in mind. "We're awfully thin, especially at corner," he says.

Starters return to the defensive interior. They include senior tackle Walt Harris (6-4, 258) and junior tackle Doug Schlereth (6-3, 251), junior nose guard Dan Bauer (6-3, 242) and senior inside linebackers Willie Bates (6-2, 219) and Brad Mitchell (6-2, 222). Bates and Mitchell were second and third, behind Waiters, in tackles, but junior Brad Money (6-2, 211) came on so well in the spring that Mallory goes into the fall ranking the three virtually even. Another junior, Darren Bush (6-2, 223), is also in the picture.

Senior Joe Huff (6-1, 225) started six games at outside linebacker in '86. Seniors Derrick Daniels (6-1, 200) and Dan Piercy (6-2, 200) add experience to the position.

Since the woeful football year of 1984, Indiana has put in a new office complex in Memorial Stadium, including a weight room, meeting rooms and coaches' offices. Funds for that project, including new grass practice fields adjacent to the stadium, came in large part from Indiana donors, including the man who started the drive, Wyche. But there also is a sizable commitment of athletic department money in the project.

The man who made the first contact with Mallory at Northern Illinois was basketball Coach Bob Knight, who since then "has made statements that are certainly a help," Mallory says. "Kids see that what we're trying to do here is have two real good programs."

When Mallory signed the contract extension last November, he said, "I feel there are two things that could really sell our program now, could really give us a springboard effect: a winning season and a bowl game."

He got both, plus a follow-up recruiting class that seems to be by far the best of his four at Indiana.

"We've still got a long way to go," Mallory says. "We're awfully thin in spots."

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(Halftime Adjustments continued)

is tough, ask the boys to win one for the Gipper."

Rockne waited eight years to make that appeal. His 1928 team (5-4) had the worst record of any he coached.

The legendary coach had a reputation for such halftime theatrics. Once, when Notre Dame trailed Georgia Tech at halftime, Rockne reportedly told his players he had just received a telegram informing him: "Little Knute is on his deathbed." Knute Jr. was his 6-year-old son.

The Irish came back to win the game. When they returned to South Bend, Little Knute was at the train station, healthy as ever, waiting to welcome them.

Half a century ago, when life was less complicated and the players more susceptible to incitement and dramatic gimmickry, a coach could expect to have more luck with the sort of thing that might leave modern-day athletes unmoved.

At the Texas-Texas A&M game in 1922, the score was tied 7-7 at the half. During intermission, Dana X. Bible, the Aggies' coach, told his men that in the defense of the Alamo, Colonel William B. Travis had taken his sword and drawn a line on the dirt floor, inviting all who wanted to stay to step across it. Bible then drew an imaginary line across the dressing room floor with his shoe. "Those who want to become known as the first Aggie team to defeat Texas in Austin, step over that line," he said. He was almost knocked down in the rush. Texas A&M won 14-7.

Fourteen years later, when Bible was coaching Nebraska, the Cornhuskers trailed Indiana 9-0 at the half. Bible ignored technical matters and invoked psychology. He challenged the players' courage and said he would start the first 11 men who beat the others to the dressing room door. Bible got there first, insisting they still weren't ready to play. A hubbub ensued and fights broke out among the players. Nebraska won the game 13-9.

The college game may be too sophisticated for such appeals now. But Steve Sloan, Alabama athletic director, says, "Youngsters are youngsters, and they can still be motivated by stories. You just can't do it every game."

As quarterback for the Crimson Tide, Sloan had a coach who was a master of halftime adjustments: the legendary Bear Bryant. Surprisingly, perhaps, Bryant rarely showed emotion at halftime, Sloan disclosed.

"For Coach Bryant, halftime was primarily an adjustment time," Sloan says. "He would go over the offense and the defense and, at the last, make a few comments. But they were usually calm, unemotional, unless we had played poorly. Then he might be a little louder. Halftime was for mental and physical rest and strategy."

Hunter Husband, a tight end under Bryant during the late 1960s, echoed Sloan's sentiments.

"There were not a lot of major adjustments," says Husband. "Normally the game plan he had was exactly what was going on. At halftime, the emphasis was on how to execute the game plan better."

Bryant's psychology generally was applied prior to the game, during the week. "He'd speak in a soft manner because he already commanded so much respect, just by his presence," says Sloan. "He had charisma, and you hung on every word he said. The talks weren't long, but there was a lot of wisdom in his words. They were poignant."

Sometimes, they were pointed—after a game.

When Bryant was displeased, his players might find themselves practicing at 5 o'clock on Sunday morning after a loss or scrimmaging first thing Mon-

day morning. "But at halftime, he would evaluate," Sloan says. "Coach Bryant's philosophy was, 'If the coach loses his head, it affects his players.'"

Football is emotional. "You can't ignore that part of it," says Ross, now head coach at Georgia Tech. "But that doesn't always mean screaming and hollering. It might mean speaking softly. Whatever's needed. You want to get your players' attention in some way."

Ross usually formulates his halftime plan during the walk from the field to the locker room. "Sometimes, I'll be thinking of what I want to do during the last minute or so of the half," he says. "Sometimes, it doesn't happen until I actually get in the locker room."

During a typical halftime, the head coach might spend five minutes with the offense, five minutes with the defense, seven minutes with the entire team going over strategy, and three minutes giving them a pep talk.

The key to using a halftime effectively is knowing when to be emotional and when to keep things analytical.

Sometimes, the pep talk is: "Hey, let's go."

A win-one-for-the-Gipper approach, says UCLA Coach Terry Donahue, "wouldn't be very successful week in and week out. Your team will respond to that if the timing is right and the chemistry is there. But if you get on them every week, they'll turn you off. You can't overuse it."

Motivation has its place in a coach's halftime options. "But motivation, a lot of times, is simply letting the players know they're prepared," says Bill Brashier, Iowa's assistant head coach and defensive coordinator.

"You can be as emotional as you want to be, but if you don't correct the mistakes, all the emotion in the world won't do you any good," he says. "You have to be cool and calm to correct mistakes, to make adjustments. Those things can't be done in a highly charged atmosphere."

Hawkeye Head Coach Hayden Fry, with whom Brashier has worked for 14 years, "is very good about that," he says.

Sometimes, a coach has to figure out how to keep his players from having a letdown in the second half.

"If you're up by 31 points, what do you do?" Ross says.

On Nov. 30, 1974, Notre Dame had an 18-point lead over Southern California at halftime (24-6). What happened after that was unimaginable: 49 points by the Trojans in the first 17 minutes of the second half. Final score: USC 55, Notre Dame 24.

Quarterback Pat Haden, who passed for four touchdowns, says Trojans Coach John McKay didn't resort to oratory. "He just said that we had to take the third-quarter kickoff and score," says Haden.

McKay, a witty public speaker, used to tell alumni groups later that what he said was, "Gentlemen, we're behind." I said, "I'll guarantee you that if you don't play better in the third quarter, I'm leaving. I'm going to jump on that white horse (Trojans mascot) and get out of town."

Anthony Davis, who had scored twice on kickoffs against Notre Dame in 1972, took the second-half

kickoff in the end zone and ran for a touchdown. And a rout was on.

For the most part, the 20 minutes of a halftime are hardly the stuff that would interest Hollywood. Players may be sweating or trying to warm up. They may be drinking sodas or eating oranges, while coaches go over the game plan or make important adjustments.

"Sometimes, you wish halftime was only 15 minutes instead of 20," says Bicknell. "You don't want it to be too long. We're usually ready to go after about 16 or 17 minutes."

"Some places it's too hot in the locker room, and it drains you. Some facilities are like bus stations. I'd rather go out early and let the kids run around."

Because of elaborate halftime shows, bowl game intermissions often last longer than 20 minutes. "Then you start to stiffen up, to lose it," says Bicknell.

The key to using a halftime effectively is knowing when to be emotional and when to keep things analytical.

"If it's natural to get excited, you do," Bicknell says. "If it's not, the players won't buy it. I'm basically a low-key guy, but when I get upset, I really explode. So my players pay attention."

Those unfamiliar with what goes on behind closed doors at halftime tend to imagine weekly win-one-for-the-Gipper speeches, particularly if a team plays well in the second half.

"Fans will come up to you after a game and say, 'Boy, you must've really gotten after 'em at halftime,'" says Bicknell. "But kids don't buy a phony rah-rah approach."

Not in the modern world. It has to come from the heart.

Former Minnesota Coach Bernie Bierman was a taciturn man. At halftime of the 1934 game with Pittsburgh which determined the national championship, the Panthers led 7-0. Bierman, in a classic display of brevity, informed his men, "Two touchdowns will win it." The Gophers won 13-7. Five words spurred them.

On Nov. 21, 1925, Notre Dame trailed Northwestern 10-0 at halftime. Instead of making an impassioned speech, Rockne didn't even enter the locker room. Just before the second half, he stuck his head through the doorway.

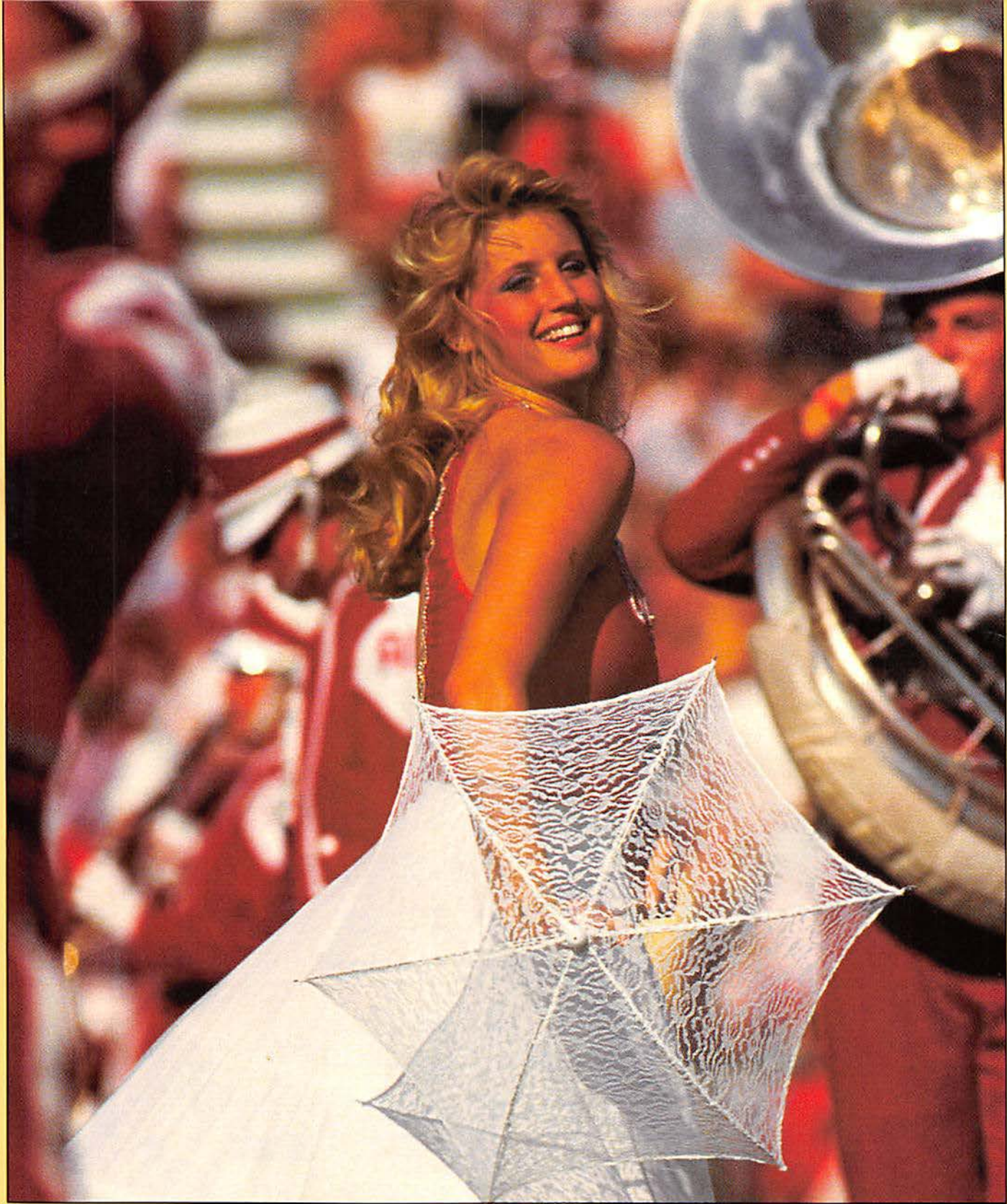
"Fighting Irish, bah," Rockne said. Nothing else. In a fury Notre Dame won the game 13-10. Three words.

Sometimes, dadgumit, just one word will do.

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Solution to crossword puzzle on page 106.

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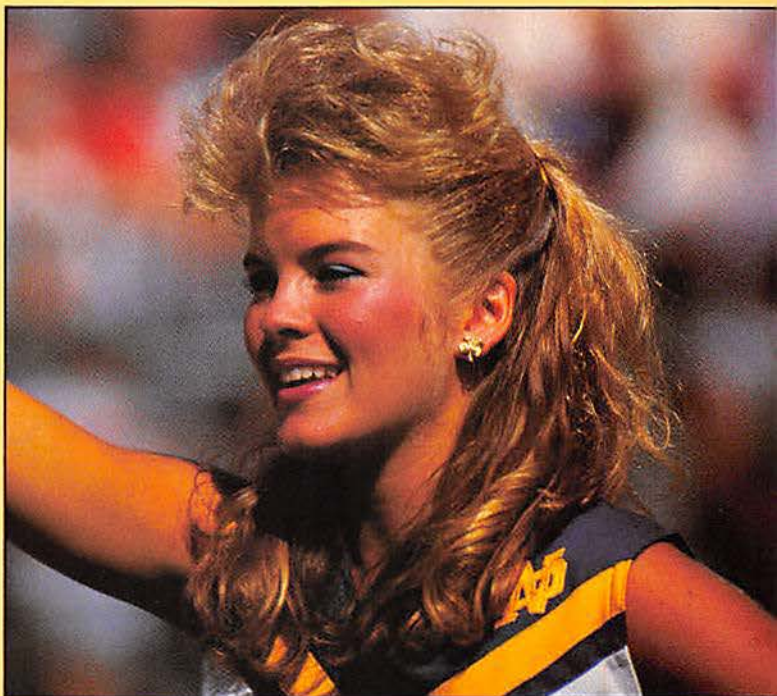
Honey Watching
On a Saturday Afternoon

At the first college football game, Princeton fans spurred their team against the Rutgers foe with a cheer borrowed from a Civil War regiment. Princeton lost, but may have had better luck in that contest had they been inspired by a bevy of beauties like those pictured in Athlon's salute to college cheerleaders and majorettes.

Alabama boasts the talents of Andrea Wilson (opposite page). She's a business major who enjoys tennis, swimming, gymnastics and poetry. UCLA's Cindy Hom (right) thinks another winning season will be a snap for the Bruins. Notre Dame's Fighting Irish are aptly represented by lovely Maureen McDonnell (bottom right), a dean's list student who was chosen Miss Virginia USA in 1986.

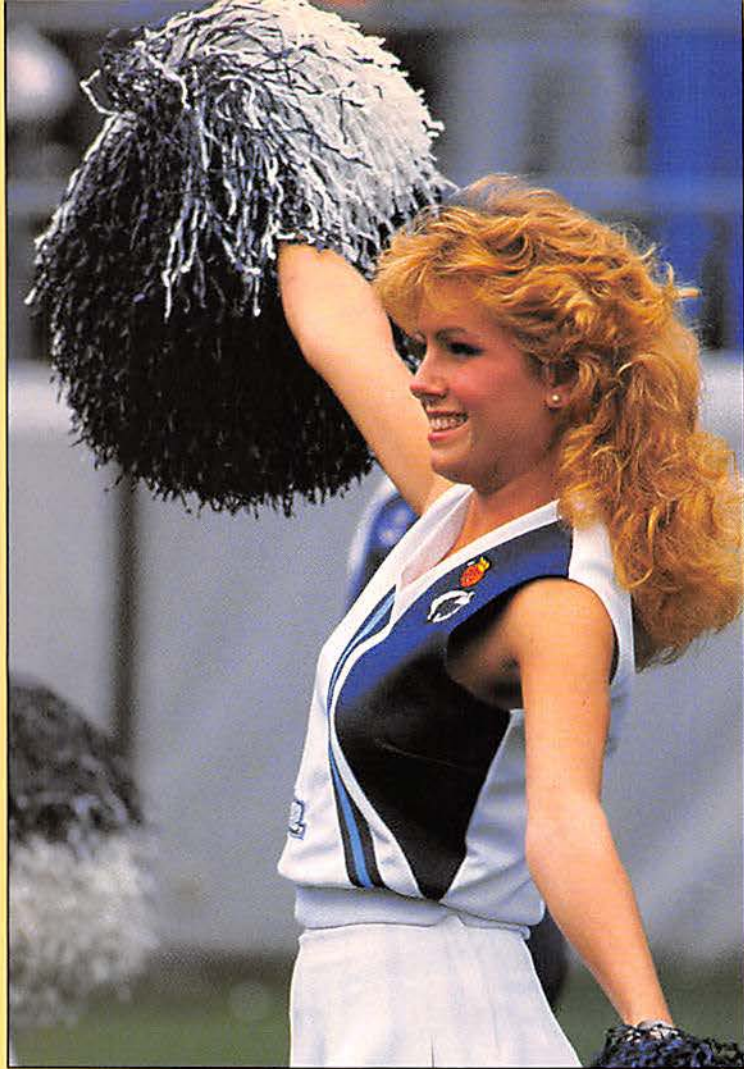
Amy Shafer (bottom left) eyes another strong Big Ten finish for Iowa. Oklahoma's Michelle Williams (below) has reason to smile, given the Sooners' prospects in '87. Her ambitions include teaching high school English and directing her own dance team.

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Colorado's Stacey Strohkirch (top left) hopes for a career in tourism; she enjoyed the Buffaloes' Bluebonnet Bowl trip last year. Energetic Kim Ross (above) is bursting with pride over Penn State's triumph in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl. She's an advertising major who lists her interests as swimming, running, tennis and watching the Nittany Lions play football. Chattanooga native Wendy Collins (left) adds glamour to Tennessee games. She enjoys water skiing, tennis and weight lifting, and plans to pursue a career as a television news anchor.

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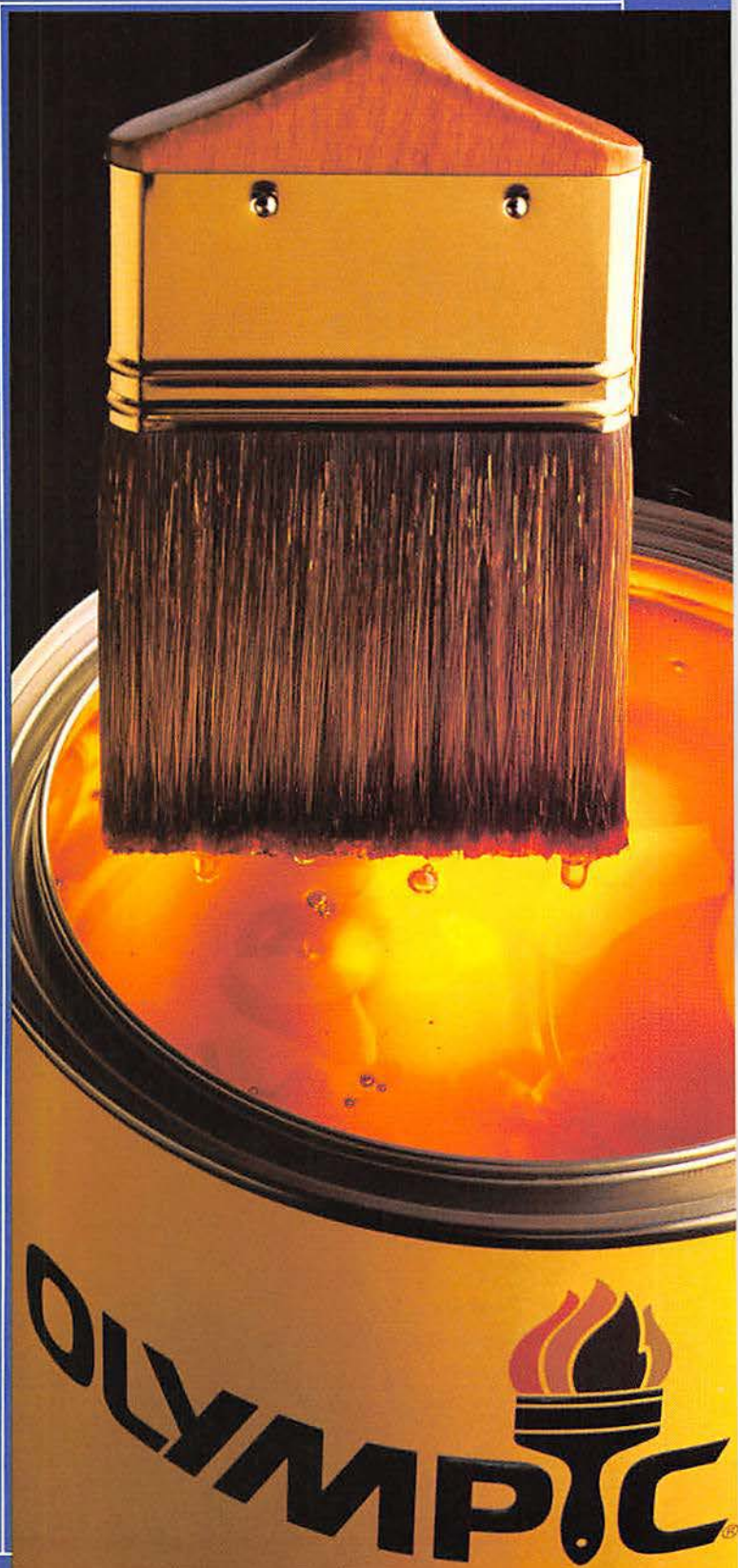
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Tennessee's Kitty Gillespie (right) cheered weary scribes at Neyland Stadium as a press box hostess. She hopes the Vols make championship headlines in '87. Tina Mikkelsen (bottom right) entertains Texas Tech fans with breathtaking gymnastic feats.

Her sense of balance may come in handy someday; she hopes to work in politics. Ohio State's Terri Bonaventura (below) looks for more sunny days at New Year's Day bowls for the Buckeyes. She's an Ohio native who has been on two national championship cheerleading squads.

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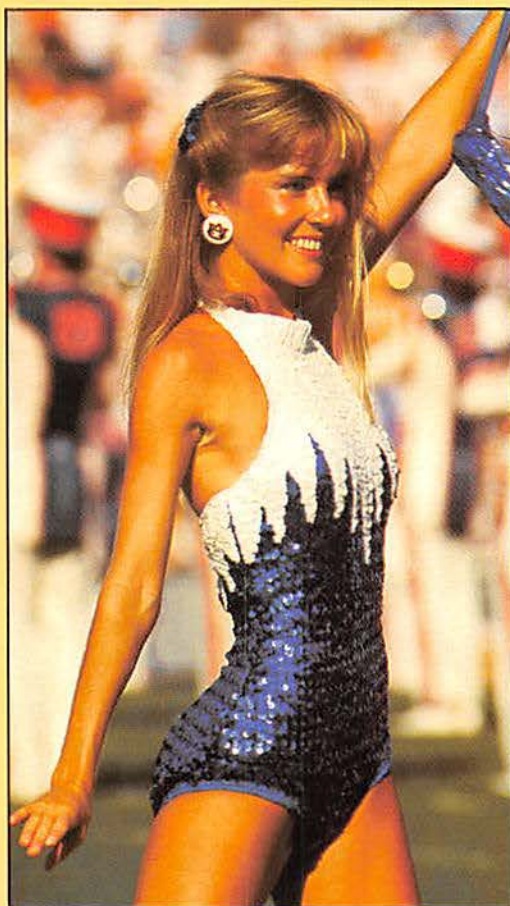


Ronnie Causey (above) sets a shining example for LSU fans as a member of the Golden Girl dance line. She's a medical technology major from Louisiana who has won titles in state beauty pageants.

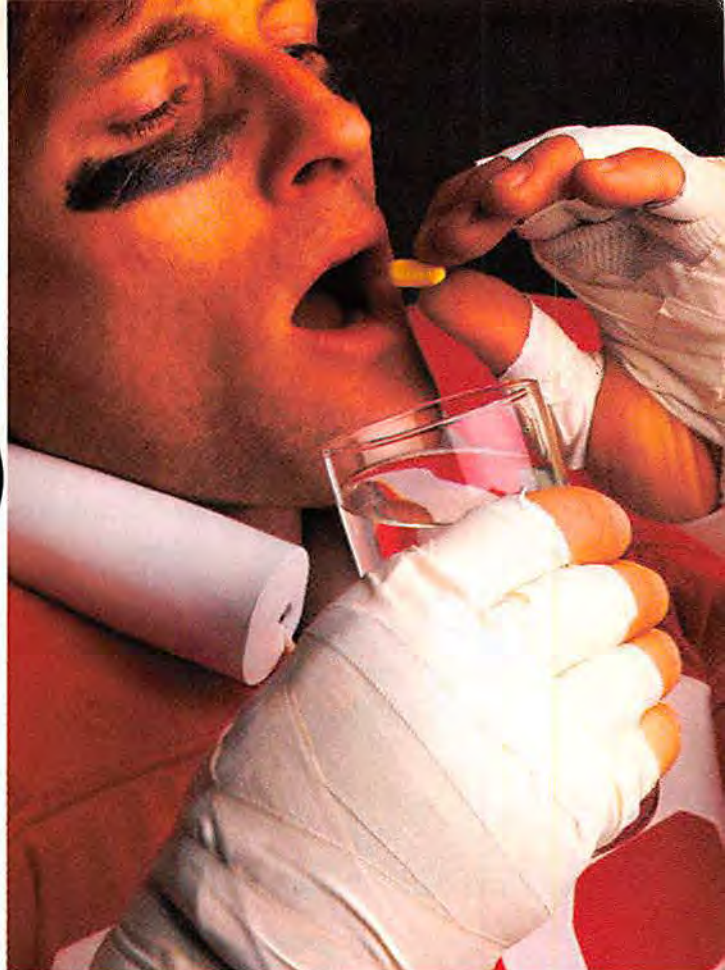
Southern California's Kris Kennett (top right) will help the Trojans reach for another strong Pac-10 showing and a New Year's Day bowl game. Lisa Mandel (far right) calmly contemplates Arizona's prospects under new Coach Dick Tomey.

Lisa can choose between careers in entertainment, advertising or public relations. Auburn's Susan Laroche (right) has an earful of pride for the Tigers.

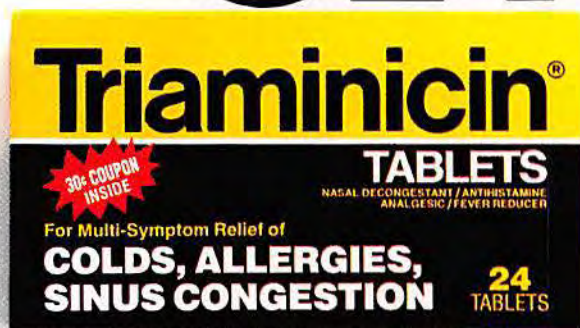
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BIG EIGHT

Colorado Boulder, Colo. (6-5-0) S. 12 Oregon + S. 19 Stanford + S. 26 Washington St. + O. 3 Colorado St. O. 10 Oklahoma St. O. 17 Kansas + O. 24 Oklahoma O. 31 Iowa State N. 14 Missouri N. 21 Nebraska N. 21 Kansas St.	Iowa State Ames, Iowa (6-5-0) S. 12 Tulane + S. 19 Iowa + S. 26 Wyoming O. 3 Oklahoma + O. 10 Northern Iowa + O. 17 Missouri + O. 24 Kansas O. 31 Colorado + N. 14 Nebraska N. 21 Kansas St. N. 21 Oklahoma St.	Kansas Lawrence, Kan. (3-8-0) S. 12 Auburn + S. 19 Kent State + S. 26 Louisiana Tech + O. 3 Southern Ill. O. 10 Nebraska O. 17 Colorado O. 24 Iowa State + O. 31 Oklahoma + N. 14 Kansas St. N. 21 Missouri	Kansas State Manhattan, Kan. (2-9-0) S. 12 Austin Peay + S. 19 Army + S. 26 Iowa O. 3 Tulsa O. 10 Missouri O. 17 Oklahoma + O. 24 Nebraska O. 31 Oklahoma St. + N. 14 Kansas N. 21 Iowa State N. 21 Colorado	Missouri Columbia, Mo. (3-8-0) S. 12 Baylor + S. 19 Northwestern + S. 26 Indiana O. 3 Syracuse + O. 10 Kansas O. 17 Iowa State O. 24 Oklahoma St. O. 31 Nebraska N. 14 Missouri N. 21 Oklahoma N. 21 Kansas	Nebraska Lincoln, Neb. (9-2-0) S. 3 Utah St. + S. 12 UCLA + S. 26 Arizona St. + O. 3 South Carolina + O. 10 Minnesota O. 17 Oklahoma St. O. 24 Kansas St. O. 31 Missouri N. 14 Iowa State N. 21 Oklahoma	Oklahoma Norman, Okla. (16-1-0) S. 12 West Texas St. + S. 12 North Carolina + S. 26 Tulsa O. 3 Iowa State O. 10 Texas O. 17 Kansas St. O. 24 Colorado + O. 31 Kansas N. 14 Missouri + N. 21 Nebraska + Dallas, Texas	Oklahoma State Stillwater, Okla. (6-5-0) S. 3 Tulsa + S. 12 Houston + S. 19 Wyoming S. 26 SW Louisiana + O. 10 Colorado O. 17 Nebraska + O. 24 Missouri O. 31 Kansas St. + N. 14 Oklahoma N. 21 Kansas N. 21 Iowa State
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Illinois Champaign, Ill. (4-7-0) S. 5 North Carolina S. 12 Arizona St. + S. 19 East Carolina + O. 3 Ohio State + O. 17 Wisconsin + O. 24 Michigan St. O. 31 Minnesota + N. 14 Michigan + N. 21 Northwestern	Indiana Bloomington, Ind. (6-5-0) S. 12 Rice + S. 19 Kentucky S. 26 Missouri + O. 3 Northwestern + O. 17 Minnesota + O. 24 Michigan + O. 31 Iowa N. 14 Indiana N. 21 Purdue +	Iowa Iowa City, Iowa (8-1-0) S. 12 Tennessee + S. 12 Arizona + S. 19 Iowa State S. 26 Kansas St. + O. 3 Michigan St. O. 10 Wisconsin O. 17 Michigan O. 24 Purdue + O. 31 Indiana + N. 14 Northwestern N. 21 Ohio State + East Rutherford, N.J.	Michigan Ann Arbor, Mich. (11-1-0) S. 12 Notre Dame + S. 19 Washington St. + S. 26 Long Beach St. O. 3 Wisconsin + O. 10 Michigan St. O. 17 Iowa O. 24 Indiana O. 31 Ohio State N. 14 Northwestern N. 21 Purdue + N. 21 Wisconsin	Michigan State East Lansing, Mich. (6-5-0) S. 12 Southern Iowa + S. 19 California + S. 26 Central Mich. + O. 3 Purdue + O. 10 Minnesota O. 17 Indiana + O. 24 Ohio State O. 31 Illinois N. 14 Michigan + N. 21 Iowa	Minnesota Minneapolis, Minn. (6-5-0) S. 12 Northern Iowa + S. 19 California + S. 26 Central Mich. + O. 3 Purdue + O. 10 Minnesota O. 17 Indiana + O. 24 Ohio State O. 31 Illinois N. 14 Michigan + N. 21 Iowa	Northwestern Evanston, Ill. (4-7-0) S. 12 Duke + S. 19 Missouri S. 26 Northern Ill. + O. 3 Indiana O. 10 Michigan St. O. 17 Purdue O. 24 Wisconsin O. 31 Michigan N. 14 Purdue N. 21 Illinois	Ohio State Columbus, Ohio (3-8-0) S. 5 West Virginia + S. 19 Oregon + S. 26 Louisiana St. O. 3 Illinois O. 17 Purdue O. 24 Michigan St. O. 31 Minnesota + N. 14 Wisconsin N. 21 Michigan	Purdue West Lafayette, Ind. (3-8-0) S. 12 Washington S. 19 Louisville + S. 26 Notre Dame + O. 3 Minnesota + O. 17 Ohio State + O. 24 Iowa O. 31 Wisconsin + N. 14 Michigan N. 21 Northwestern N. 21 Indiana	Wisconsin Madison, Wis. (3-9-0) S. 12 Hawaii + S. 19 Utah + S. 26 Ball State + O. 3 Michigan O. 17 Illinois O. 24 Northwestern + O. 31 Purdue N. 14 Michigan N. 21 Minnesota + N. 21 Michigan St.
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EASTERN INDEPENDENTS

Army West Point, N.Y. (6-5-0) S. 12 Holy Cross + S. 19 Kansas St. + S. 26 Citadel + O. 3 Wake Forest + O. 10 Boston College O. 17 Colgate + O. 24 Rutgers + O. 31 Temple + N. 7 Air Force N. 14 Lafayette D. 5 Navy + Philadelphia, Pa.	Boston College Chestnut Hill, Mass. (8-3-0) S. 3 Texas Christian + S. 12 Temple + S. 19 Southern Cal S. 26 Penn State + O. 3 Pittsburgh O. 10 Rutgers + O. 17 Rutgers O. 24 West Virginia + O. 31 Tennessee + N. 14 Delaware N. 21 Syracuse	Navy Annapolis, Md. (3-8-0) S. 12 William & Mary + S. 19 Lehigh + S. 26 North Carolina + O. 3 Virginia Tech O. 10 Air Force + O. 17 Pittsburgh O. 24 Pittsburgh O. 31 Notre Dame N. 7 Syracuse + N. 14 Delaware D. 5 Army + Philadelphia, Pa.	Penn State University Park, Pa. (11-0-0) S. 3 Bowling Green + S. 12 Alabama + S. 19 Cincinnati + S. 26 Boston College O. 3 Temple + O. 10 Rutgers + O. 17 Syracuse O. 31 West Virginia + N. 7 Maryland N. 14 Pittsburgh N. 21 Notre Dame + Baltimore, Md.	Pittsburgh Pittsburgh, Pa. (5-3-1) S. 3 Brigham Young S. 12 North Carolina St. + S. 19 Temple + S. 26 West Virginia O. 3 Boston College + O. 10 Notre Dame + O. 24 Navy O. 31 Syracuse + N. 7 Rutgers N. 14 Penn State + N. 21 Kent State + East Rutherford, N.J.	Rutgers New Brunswick, N.J. (5-3-1) S. 3 Cincinnati + S. 12 Syracuse + S. 19 Miami, O. + O. 3 Duke O. 10 Penn State O. 17 Boston College + O. 24 Army O. 31 Vanderbilt N. 7 Pittsburgh N. 14 West Virginia N. 21 Temple + East Rutherford, N.J.	Syracuse Syracuse, N.Y. (6-5-0) S. 3 Maryland + S. 12 Rutgers S. 19 Miami, O. + S. 26 Virginia Tech O. 3 Missouri O. 10 Penn State + O. 17 Colgate O. 31 Pittsburgh N. 7 Navy N. 14 Boston College + N. 21 West Virginia	Temple Philadelphia, Pa. (6-5-0) S. 3 Toledo + S. 12 Boston College S. 19 Miami, O. + S. 26 Akron + O. 3 Penn State O. 10 Rutgers O. 17 Florida O. 31 Army N. 7 East Carolina N. 14 Houston N. 21 Rutgers +	West Virginia Morgantown, W.Va. (4-7-0) S. 5 Ohio + S. 12 Ohio State S. 19 Miami, O. + S. 26 Pittsburgh + O. 3 East Carolina + O. 17 Cincinnati + O. 24 Boston College O. 31 Penn State N. 7 Virginia Tech N. 14 Rutgers N. 21 Syracuse
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PAC TEN

Arizona Tucson, Ariz. (8-3-0) S. 12 Iowa + S. 19 New Mexico + S. 26 UCLA O. 3 Bowling Green + O. 10 California O. 17 Oregon St. + O. 24 Washington St. O. 31 Stanford N. 7 Washington + N. 14 Southern Cal N. 28 Arizona St.	Arizona State Tempe, Ariz. (9-1-1) S. 12 Illinois + S. 19 Pacific + S. 26 Nebraska + O. 3 Texas-El Paso + O. 10 Washington O. 17 Washington St. + O. 24 Oregon St. O. 31 UCLA + N. 7 Oregon N. 14 California N. 28 Arizona +	California Berkeley, Calif. (2-9-0) S. 3 Acile + S. 12 San Jose St. + S. 19 Minnesota + S. 26 Nevada-Las Vegas + O. 3 Southern Cal O. 10 Arizona + O. 24 UCLA O. 31 Oregon N. 14 Arizona St. N. 28 Washington St. + Tokyo, Japan	Oregon Eugene, Ore. (5-6-0) S. 12 Colorado S. 19 Ohio State S. 26 San Diego St. + O. 3 Washington + O. 10 Southern Cal O. 17 UCLA O. 24 Stanford O. 31 California + N. 14 Oregon St. N. 21 Washington St. N. 21 Oregon	Oregon State Corvallis, Ore. (3-8-0) S. 12 Georgia S. 19 San Jose St. + S. 26 Texas + O. 3 Southern Cal O. 10 Oregon O. 17 Arizona + O. 24 North State + O. 31 Washington N. 7 UCLA + N. 14 Stanford N. 21 Oregon	Southern Cal Los Angeles, Calif. (7-4-0) S. 7 Michigan St. + S. 19 Boston College + S. 26 California O. 3 Oregon St. + O. 10 Akron + O. 17 Washington O. 24 Notre Dame O. 31 Washington St. N. 7 Stanford N. 14 Arizona N. 21 UCLA +	Stanford Stanford, Calif. (8-3-0) S. 5 Washington S. 19 Colorado S. 26 San Jose St. + O. 3 UCLA + O. 10 Washington O. 17 San Diego St. + O. 24 Oregon + O. 31 Arizona + N. 7 Southern Cal N. 14 Oregon St. N. 21 California +	UCLA Los Angeles, Calif. (7-3-1) S. 5 San Diego St. + S. 12 Nebraska S. 19 Fresno St. + S. 26 Arizona + O. 3 Stanford O. 17 Oregon + O. 24 California + O. 31 Arizona St. + N. 7 Oregon St. N. 14 Washington + N. 21 Southern Cal	Washington Seattle, Wash. (8-2-1) S. 5 Stanford + S. 12 Purdue + S. 19 Texas A&M S. 26 Pacific + O. 10 Stanford O. 17 Arizona St. + O. 24 Southern Cal O. 31 Arizona N. 7 Arizona N. 14 UCLA N. 21 Washington St. +	Washington State Pullman, Wash. (3-7-1) S. 12 Wyoming + S. 19 Michigan S. 26 Colorado O. 10 Stanford O. 17 Arizona St. + O. 24 Arizona + O. 31 Southern Cal N. 14 Oregon + N. 21 Washington N. 28 California + + Tokyo, Japan
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SOUTHEASTERN

Alabama Tuscaloosa, Ala. (9-3-0) S. 3 Southern Miss S. 12 Penn State S. 19 Florida S. 26 Vanderbilt + O. 3 SW Louisiana O. 10 Memphis St. O. 17 Tennessee O. 31 Mississippi St. N. 7 Louisiana St. + N. 14 Notre Dame N. 28 Auburn + Birmingham, Ala.	Auburn Auburn, Ala. (9-2-0) S. 3 Texas + S. 12 Kansas + S. 26 Tennessee O. 3 North Carolina O. 10 Vanderbilt + O. 17 Georgia Tech O. 24 Mississippi St. + O. 31 Florida + N. 7 Florida St. N. 14 Georgia N. 28 Alabama + Birmingham, Ala.	Florida Gainesville, Fla. (5-5-0) S. 3 Miami, Fla. + S. 12 Tulsa + S. 19 Alabama S. 26 Mississippi St. + O. 3 Louisiana St. + O. 10 Tennessee O. 17 Temple + O. 31 Auburn N. 7 Georgia N. 14 Kentucky + N. 28 Florida St. + Jacksonville, Fla.	Georgia Athens, Ga. (7-4-0) S. 3 Virginia + S. 12 Clemson S. 19 Mississippi St. + O. 3 Mississippi O. 10 Louisiana St. + O. 17 Vanderbilt + O. 24 Kentucky + N. 7 Florida N. 14 Auburn N. 28 Georgia Tech + Jacksonville, Fla.	Kentucky Lexington, Ky. (5-5-1) S. 12 Utah State + S. 19 Arkansas + S. 26 Rutgers + O. 3 Ohio + O. 10 Mississippi + O. 17 Louisiana St. + O. 24 Georgia O. 31 Virginia Tech + N. 7 Vanderbilt N. 14 Florida N. 21 Tennessee + East Rutherford, N.J.	Louisiana State Baton Rouge, La. (9-2-0) S. 3 Texas A&M + S. 12 Arkansas + S. 19 Rice + S. 26 Ohio State + O. 3 Florida + O. 10 Kentucky + O. 17 Kentucky + O. 24 Vanderbilt + O. 31 Alabama + N. 7 Tennessee N. 14 Louisiana St. + N. 21 Tulane + Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi University, Miss. (7-3-1) S. 3 Memphis St. + S. 12 Arkansas + S. 19 Arkansas St. + S. 26 Tulane + O. 3 Georgia + O. 10 Kentucky + O. 17 SW Louisiana + O. 24 Vanderbilt + O. 31 Louisiana St. + N. 7 Tennessee N. 14 Mississippi St. + N. 21 Mississippi + Jackson, Miss.	Mississippi State Mississippi State, Miss. (6-5-0) S. 3 SW Louisiana + S. 19 Louisiana Tech + S. 26 Florida O. 3 Memphis St. + O. 10 Southern Miss O. 24 Auburn O. 31 Alabama + N. 7 Tulane N. 14 Louisiana St. + N. 21 Mississippi + Jackson, Miss.	Tennessee Knoxville, Tenn. (6-5-0) S. 10 Iowa + S. 12 San Diego St. + S. 12 Mississippi St. + S. 26 Auburn + O. 3 Alabama + O. 10 Georgia Tech O. 17 Georgia + O. 24 Georgia Tech O. 31 Rutgers + N. 7 Kentucky N. 14 Mississippi N. 28 Vanderbilt + + East Rutherford, N.J.	Vanderbilt Nashville, Tenn. (11-0-0) S. 12 Memphis St. + S. 12 Washington St. + S. 26 Alabama + O. 3 Tulane + O. 10 Auburn O. 17 Georgia + O. 24 Mississippi O. 31 Rutgers + N. 7 Kentucky N. 14 Maryland N. 28 Tennessee
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Arkansas Fayetteville, Ark. (9-2-0) S. 12 Mississippi + S. 19 Tulsa + S. 26 Miami, Fla. + O. 3 Texas Christian + O. 10 Texas Tech + O. 17 Texas Tech + O. 24 Houston + O. 31 Rice N. 7 Baylor + N. 14 Texas A&M N. 28 New Mexico + D. 5 Hawaii + Jackson, Miss. + Little Rock, Ark.	Baylor Waco, Texas (8-3-0) S. 3 Louisiana Tech + S. 12 Missouri S. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas + S. 26 Texas Tech + O. 3 Houston + O. 10 SW Texas + O. 17 Texas A&M + O. 24 Texas Christian + N. 7 Arkansas N. 14 Rice N. 21 Texas	Houston Houston, Texas (11-0-0) S. 12 Oklahoma St. + S. 26 Sam Houston St. + O. 3 Baylor O. 10 Texas A&M O. 17 Wyoming O. 24 Arkansas O. 31 Texas Christian N. 7 Texas + N. 14 Temple N. 21 Texas Tech + N. 28 Rice	Rice Houston, Texas (4-7-0) S. 3 Lamar + S. 12 Indiana S. 19 Arkansas St. + S. 26 SW Texas + O. 3 Texas + O. 10 Texas Christian + O. 17 Texas Tech + O. 24 Texas Christian + O. 31 Arkansas + N. 7 Baylor N. 21 Houston +	Texas Austin, Texas (5-6-0) S. 3 Auburn + S. 12 Brigham Young + S. 19 Arkansas St. + O. 3 Rice + O. 10 Oklahoma + O. 17 Arkansas + O. 24 Georgia Tech + O. 31 Hawaii + N. 7 Texas Tech + N. 14 Texas A&M N. 21 Little Rock, Ark.	Texas A&M College Station, Texas (9-2-0) S. 3 Louisiana St. + S. 12 Washington + S. 19 Brigham Young + O. 3 Texas Tech + O. 10 Houston + O. 17 Baylor O. 24 Baylor O. 31 Louisiana Tech + N. 14 Arkansas + N. 21 Texas Christian N. 26 Texas + + Jackson, Miss.	Texas Christian Fort Worth, Texas (3-8-0) S. 3 Boston College S. 12 Air Force S. 19 Brigham Young + O. 3 Arkansas + O. 10 Rice + O. 17 North Texas St. + O. 24 Baylor O. 31 Houston + N. 7 Texas Tech N. 14 Texas A&M N. 21 Houston +	Texas Tech Lubbock, Texas (7-4-0) S. 5 Florida St. + S. 12 Colorado St. + S. 19 Wisconsin S. 26 Idaho St. + O. 3 Air Force O. 10 Brigham Young O. 17 Hawaii + O. 24 Utah State O. 31 Baylor N. 7 Texas-El Paso + N. 14 Wyoming N. 21 Brigham Young	Wyoming Laramie, Wyo. (6-6-0) S. 3 Air Force + S. 12 Washington St. + S. 19 Oklahoma St. + S. 26 Iowa State + O. 3 San Diego St. + O. 10 Brigham Young O. 17 Houston + O. 31 Colorado St. + O. 31 Baylor N. 7 Texas-El Paso + N. 14 Utah N. 21 Texas-El Paso N. 28 Hawaii +
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Air Force Academy, Colo. (6-5-0) S. 5 Wyoming S. 12 Texas Christian + S. 19 San Diego St. + S. 26 Colorado St. O. 3 Utah + O. 17 Notre Dame + O. 24 Texas-El Paso + O. 31 Brigham Young N. 14 Army N. 21 New Mexico N. 21 Hawaii +	Brigham Young Provo, Utah (8-4-0) S. 5 Pittsburgh + S. 12 Texas + S. 19 Georgia Tech + S. 26 New Mexico O. 2 Utah St. + O. 10 Wyoming + O. 24 Hawaii + O. 31 Air Force + O. 31 San Diego St. + N. 14 Texas-El Paso N. 21 Utah + D. 4 Colorado St. + + Melbourne, Australia	Colorado State Fort Collins, Colo. (6-5-0) S. 3 Tennessee + S. 12 Texas Tech + S. 19 Nevada-Las Vegas + S. 26 Air Force + O. 3 Colorado + O. 24 New Mexico + O. 31 Wyoming O. 31 Hawaii + O. 10 San Diego St. + N. 21 SW Louisiana D. 4 Brigham Young + + Melbourne, Australia	Hawaii Honolulu, Hi. (7-5-0) S. 3 Fullerton St. + S. 12 Wisconsin S. 19 Texas-El Paso + O. 3 Yale + O. 10 New Mexico O. 24 Brigham Young + O. 31 San Diego St. + N. 7 Colorado St. + N. 14 Air Force + N. 21 San Diego St. + N. 28 Wyoming + D. 5 Arkansas +	New Mexico Albuquerque, N.M. (4-8-0) S. 3 Utah + S. 12 New Mexico St. + S. 19 Arizona + S. 26 Brigham Young + O. 10 Hawaii + O. 24 Colorado St. + O. 31 Texas-El Paso + N. 7 Wyoming + N. 14 Air Force + N. 21 San Diego St. + N. 28 Arkansas + + Little Rock, Ark.	San Diego State San Diego, Calif. (8-3-0) S. 5 UCLA + S. 12 San Diego St. + S. 19 Air Force + S. 26 Oregon O. 3 Wyoming O. 10 Texas-El Paso + O. 17 Stanford + O. 24 Long Beach St. + O. 31 Hawaii + N. 7 Utah N. 14 Colorado St. + N. 21 New Mexico +	Texas-El Paso El Paso, Texas (4-8-0) S. 3 New Mexico St. + S. 12 San Diego St. + S. 26 Arizona + O. 3 Hawaii + O. 10 San Diego St. + O. 24 Air Force O. 31 New Mexico + O. 31 Baylor N. 7 Utah N. 14 Brigham Young N. 21 Wyoming +	Utah Salt Lake City, Utah (2-9-0) S. 5 New Mexico + S. 12 San Diego St. + S. 19 Wisconsin S. 26 Idaho St. + O. 3 Air Force O. 10 Brigham Young O. 17 Hawaii + O. 24 Utah State O. 31 Baylor N. 7 Texas-El Paso + N. 14 Wyoming N. 21 Brigham Young	Wyoming Laramie, Wyo. (6-6-0) S. 3 Air Force + S. 12 Washington St. + S. 19 Oklahoma St. + S. 26 Iowa State + O. 3 San Diego St. + O. 10 Brigham Young O. 17 Houston + O. 31 Colorado St. + O. 31 Baylor N. 7 Texas-El Paso + N. 14 Utah N. 21 Texas-El Paso N. 28 Hawaii +
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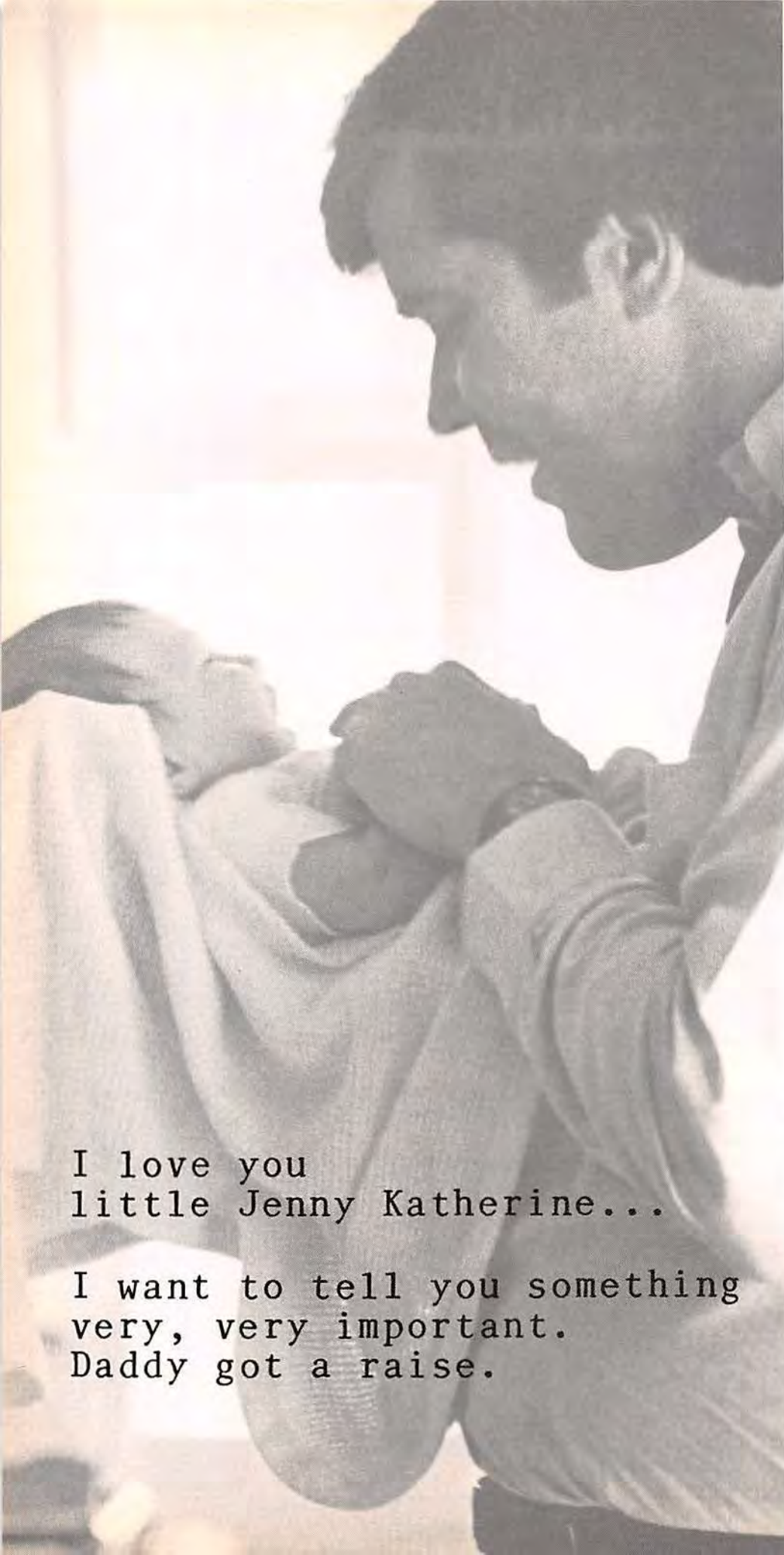
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came to me on the way home after the bowl game and said he'd been approached by Arizona," Bay recalls. "They came up with an excellent offer, a five-year contract with an automatic rollover, making it seven years in the final analysis. By then, Earle's into early retirement. Furthermore, they were talking about guaranteeing his radio and TV income, which isn't guaranteed at Ohio State. There was a housing consideration. There was money, plus security, which was more important to Earle. And there was the sensation of somebody really wanting him to come there. We're all human. Everyone likes to be appreciated."

"They had a jet," says Bruce. "They made it easy. I guess they complimented some of the things you like to see complimented. They really showed some interest in me personally."

To Bruce, Arizona offered money, security, challenge. He made up his mind to go.

With all of the principals in San Diego, and Dempsey saying that he thought Bruce was going to accept the job, Bay rang up Ohio State President Edward H. Jennings in Columbus. He asked that Bruce's contract be extended five years.

"Ed said he was sorry, but he didn't have the support (of the board of trustees) to do it," Bay says. "That's what I relayed to Earle. I said, 'I'm embarrassed that I don't have anything in the way of a counteroffer, but I don't.'"

To keep Bruce, Bay would have to rely on the coach's loyalty, to Ohio State roots that extended back to his freshman year on campus in 1949 and, perhaps, to his sense of unfinished business. For while Bruce has gone 75-22 in eight seasons, won two Big Ten titles outright and two co-championships, played in eight straight bowl games and won five of them, he has not yet won a Rose Bowl game or that most elusive of prizes—a national championship.

After a late-night meeting with his assistant coaches and Bay, Bruce changed his mind about accepting the Arizona job and decided to stay at Ohio State.

"In his heart," Bay says, "Earle never wanted to go to Arizona."

Looking back at the offer and what it would have meant, Bruce says, "I still think sometimes I must have been crazy not to take it."

"But I never came to Ohio State thinking I would have a long-term contract, because I knew Woody Hayes had 28 one-year contracts. And I never came thinking I was going to be a wealthy football coach. I know that's not been true at Ohio State."

"But if you're talking about the reasons I didn't go, you're talking about the assistant coaches and the players and Rick Bay. This state has been in my blood since 1949. I decided I'd better not go."

It would have been understandable if he had. Although he is locked in by tradition and allegiance, it has not been smooth sailing for Bruce. It never is, when you succeed a man of

legendary stature like the late Woody Hayes.

Furthermore, Bruce has been burdened by other real or imagined trappings. He is accused, for example, of sometimes being a common grump. Around Ohio, having that reputation was regarded by many as part of Hayes' charm. With Bruce, it became another millstone.

"It's amazing what they say," Bruce says. "I thought I was a friendly guy, but some pro scouts have reservations about coming in because they think I'm strict and tough or something. They don't want to have to deal with it, I guess. The ones I know don't feel that way. I guess that's the way it is when people don't know you."

Getting people to know Bruce was, in fact, one of the reasons that Bay planted the seed that transformed the coach into the dude who walked proudly into the Cotton Bowl.

The Bruce-is-a-dodo crowd was getting louder. The Buckeyes had lost 16-10 to Alabama in the Kickoff Classic. Then they had been battered 40-7 at Washington in their second game. Not since 1894 had Ohio State started with two losses.

In the meantime, Bruce had been censured for his waistline hangover, prominent on TV in the Kickoff Classic, in a celebrated column by Mike Harden in the *Columbus Dispatch*. WSNV, a Columbus radio station, distributed 6,000 satiric Earle Bruce belly buttons.

"We'd been pounded at Washington, the Harden thing had been in the paper, God knows how many polls there'd been about Earle," says Bay. "I just thought we needed something to break the tension and take the pressure off."

So Bay rapped on Bruce's office door. "Excuse me," he said, "I know you're going to think I'm nuts, but I think you ought to lead the team out of the tunnel for the next game in a tuxedo."

Bruce *did* think Bay was nuts. The coach recalls: "I said, 'What are you talking about? That's not me.'"

But Bay was serious. He thought it would show people that the coach *did* care what others thought about him—that, inside what sometimes might seem to be a callous and gruff exterior, he *did* have feelings. He thought it would prove that Earle Bruce has a sense of humor. Says Bay, "I said, 'If you lead that team out of the tunnel in a tux and some guy who has hated you for eight years can't smile, that's his problem.'"

From that conversation was born the Cotton Bowl moment.

"I went to a clinic and 20 coaches came up to me," says Bruce. "Jim Sweeney, Bill Yeoman, Jack Bicknell—all the guys you golf with. Jack said, 'When I saw you in the Cotton Bowl, I fell down on my knees and called for my wife and said, 'Look at Earle! Look at Earle!'"

Yeah, look at him.

But don't ever take him for granted again.

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Mid-American Conference

by John Seaburn

The Mid-American Conference will probably live up to the oft-repeated claim that balance is the league's cornerstone.

Not only do the majority of member teams appear to be evenly qualified, there seems to be equal and ample quantities of talent at the skill positions. As difficult a task as picking a 1987 preseason favorite can be, singling out a dominant player may be even more so.

Kent State's Glen Mason, 1986 MAC Coach of the Year, says widespread graduation losses, combined with the improvement of several teams, could mean an unusually balanced conference.

"Miami won last year but lost heavily to graduation," says Mason. "On the other hand, Bowling Green, Eastern Michigan, Toledo and Kent State have many starters back.

"The league is known to be very competi-

tive every year, and it isn't often that a team goes undefeated. This year, there may be more balance than ever."

In the past, there have usually been outstanding players.

They include Rush Brown, Ball State defensive tackle in 1979; Mike Kennedy, Toledo defensive back in 1980; Martin Bayless, Bowling Green defensive back in 1983; Brian McClure, Bowling Green quarterback in 1984-85; and tailback George Swann of Miami in '86.

The MAC attracts its share of talented players. However, as the 1987 season nears, no one player stands out.

Take the tailbacks, for instance.

Senior Gary Patton at Eastern Michigan appears to have a slight edge in a group that includes Central Michigan junior Rodney Stevenson and Kent State junior Eric Wilkerson.

Patton, a unanimous All-MAC selection who

is the nation's third-leading all-purpose runner returning this season, has rushed for 2,255 yards in three seasons.

Stevenson is the nation's leading returning scorer (9.3 points per game) and second-leading returning rusher with 1,104 yards (5.3 average) in 1986.

Patton, with 1,058 yards, and Stevenson were two of the MAC's four 1000-yard rushers in 1986. Kelvin Farmer, Toledo's graduated tailback, led the way with 1,532 yards, second on the conference's all-time chart to Shawn Faulkner's 1,668 yards for Western Michigan in 1983.

Now consider the returning quarterbacks.

Kent State's Patrick Young finished last in the conference in passing efficiency. He had the lowest numbers in pass attempts (131), completions (58), yards (756), completion percentage (.443) and completions per game (5.3).

Still, Young earned a berth on *The Sporting News* Freshman Honor Roll, with Bowling Green's Rich Dackin. And it was Young who was named MAC Freshman of the Year, and deservedly so.

Young took the Golden Flashes from last place, to which they had been relegated by most MAC observers, to a tie for second place in one of the most exciting seasons at Kent State in 15 years.

At the opposite end of the spectrum is Bruce Porter. Triggeman of the Ohio University offense, he demonstrated that he was without peer. Playing for a last-place team, he finished as the MAC total offense leader, edging Jefferson Award winner Terry Morris of Miami. Porter, a senior, averaged 209.3 offensive yards a game. Morris, who graduated, averaged 209.1.

Eastern Michigan's Ron Adams also deserves a nod. Adams, a senior, ranks fifth among the nation's returning passing-efficiency leaders.

And the pass catchers?

Ball State senior tight end Ron Duncan caught 31 passes for 294 yards and two touchdowns, not good enough to rank him among the MAC's top 10 receivers statistically. Coaches liked his blocking ability, though, and named him to the All-MAC team.

Duncan is one of the nation's top football-playing scholars. Twice he has been named to the Academic All-America team.

Bobby Cameron of Ohio, a senior, was no more than fourth-best among league receivers in 1986 with 50 catches for 621 yards, four touchdowns and a 4.5 catch-per-game average. Senior Andy Schillinger of Miami was sixth with an average of 4.2 catches a game. With graduation losses, Cameron and Schil-

Patrick Young's statistics weren't great, but, as a freshman, he guided Kent State to runner-up.



linger are the top two returning pass catchers.

While Schillinger was unable to crack the ranks of the MAC's top five receivers, he was able to lead the country in touchdown receptions with 12.

Schillinger, a senior, had 955 yards receiving and averaged more than 20 yards a catch for a Miami team that went into the final day of the 1986 regular season tied for first place with Kent State and Bowling Green and survived. Miami won its game and the other two lost. The Redskins' reward was their 13th league crown and the MAC berth in the sixth California Bowl. PCAA champion San Jose State humbled the Redskins 37-7.

It was the second year in a row that the MAC emerged from the postseason play with a lopsided loss. In 1985, Bowling Green was routed by Fresno State 51-7.

BALL STATE (6-5, 4-4)—Senior Wade Kosakowski will quarterback Coach Paul Schudel's third Cardinal team. One of seven returning offensive starters, Kosakowski had

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guided the Cardinals to a first-place tie before his injury in the ninth game ended title hopes. Tight end Duncan (6-4, 245) earned All-MAC honors, while senior guard Craig Kantner (6-3, 270) was a second-team All-MAC pick. Eight starters are back from a unit that topped the MAC in rushing defense and total defense. All-MAC tackle Troy Schultz (6-2, 270), a unanimous choice, returns as a senior along with senior defensive end Avis Hines (6-0, 185) and linebackers Greg Garnica (6-0, 215)

and Tim Walton (6-0, 225). As a sophomore, Garnica broke the school single-season tackle record with 185 stops. His average of nearly 17 tackles a game led the MAC. Walton is a junior.

BOWLING GREEN (5-6, 5-3)—Sophomore Dackin gained a year of valuable experience as the Falcons' starting quarterback, and Coach Moe Ankney has 15 other '86 regulars among 42 lettermen. The defense has eight starters back, and two—senior outside linebacker John Hunter (6-3, 220) and senior nose tackle Greg Johnson (5-11, 235)—were All-MAC. Senior outside linebacker Joe Foley (6-1, 221) and junior defensive back Kyle Kramer were second-team choices. However, the offensive line lost four starters, and Bowling Green must test its rebuilt front for the first time against Penn State. Still, Bowling Green figures to be in the thick of the MAC race. The Falcons have been at or near the top for five years, winning in 1982 and 1985, finishing second in 1984 and tying for second in 1983 and 1986.

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All-MAC LB John Hunter stands out in the Falcons' defense.



Rodney Stevenson (No. 2 scorer in '86) could be No. 1 in '87.



All-Mid-American Conference

OFFENSE

TE	Ron Duncan	Ball State
WR	Andy Schillinger	Miami
OT	Evans Hicks	Eastern Michigan
OT	Matt Kemper	Miami
OG	Todd Olsen	Toledo
OG	Craig Kantner	Ball State
C	Shawn Reiley	Miami
QB	Ron Adams	Eastern Michigan
RB	Rodney Stevenson	Central Michigan
RB	Gary Patton	Eastern Michigan
RB	Eric Wilkerson	Kent State
PK	Gary Gussman	Miami

DEFENSE

DL	Troy Schultz	Ball State
DL	Andy Marlatt	Miami
DL	Paul Sandor	Toledo
LB	John Hunter	Bowling Green
LB	Tony Stephens	Kent State
LB	Steve Huffman	Toledo
LB	Greg Garnica	Ball State
DB	Sheldon White	Miami
DB	Kyle Kramer	Bowling Green
DB	Tony Wells	Kent State
DB	Tom Gerhart	Ohio
P	Mike Fultz	Ohio

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CENTRAL MICHIGAN (5-5, 4-4)—Coach Herb Deromedi, sporting a 69-25-3 career coaching record, has 16 starters—eight on each side of the ball—among 56 lettermen. The backfield, with senior Marcelle Carruthers at quarterback and Stevenson at tailback, returns intact. Stevenson tied a 15-year-old MAC record when he rushed for five touchdowns in the Chippewas' 43-22 win over Ball State. Senior tackle Duncan Hogg (6-3, 255), senior guard Mike Dillon (6-2, 235) and junior center Ralph Newland (6-3, 230) are the nucleus of a strong offensive front. On defense, senior nose tackle Scott Alferink (6-1, 225) anchors the front. Seniors Chris Wise (6-2, 225) and Phil Zielinski (6-3, 230) are agile linebackers. A perennial contender, Central Michigan nevertheless has not won the MAC since the back-to-back title years of 1979 and 1980.

EASTERN MICHIGAN (6-5, 4-4)—The Hurons, coming off their winningest campaign since 1977, could make this the season fifth-year Coach Jim Harkema has been shooting for. Fourteen starters, split evenly between the offense and defense, are among 41 lettermen. Returnees include All-MAC running back Patton and All-MAC second-teamers Adams, second in MAC passing efficiency, junior wide receiver Don Vesling and junior defensive end Eric Miller (6-3, 235). Junior Steve Palmateer returns at fullback. Senior offensive tackle Evans Hicks (6-2, 285) should help relieve the loss of All-MAC center Brett Petersmark. Defensively, the Hurons must fill a vacancy in the secondary caused by the departure of Mike Skiver.

KENT STATE (5-6, 5-3)—A total of 18 starters, the most for any team in the MAC, return, 10 on offense. Tailback Wilkerson earned second-team All-MAC honors despite missing part of the season with a rib injury. Eight defensive starters include senior linebackers Tony Stephens (6-2, 228) and Tim Viscuso (6-1, 205), and junior safety Tony Wells. The Flashes experienced the biggest turnaround in the MAC, going from ninth in 1985 to a second-place tie. A couple of newcomers showed the way: Mason, in his first

season as a college head coach after nine years on Ohio State's staff, and Young (5-7, 170), MAC Freshman of the Year, whom Mason recruited in a five-minute phone conversation.

MIAMI U. (8-3, 6-2)—Miami's title defense may be very difficult because of the loss of four starters on defense and six on offense. All-MAC wide receiver Schillinger is back, and senior Mike Bates figures to take over at quarterback. He will operate behind a veteran line that includes senior center Shawn Reiley (6-4, 250) and senior tackle Matt Kemper (6-5, 274). Departed senior quarterback Terry Morris earned the MAC's Jefferson Trophy as the league MVP, and six players were on the All-MAC team as the Redskins broke 33 conference or school records. Gone, too, is tailback George Swann, Miami's all-time leading rusher (4,172 yards) and the MAC's all-purpose yardage record holder (5,727 yards).

All-MAC Gary Patton is a powerful reason the Hurons will be strong title contenders.



Miami needs repeat outstanding performances from Andy Marlatt (6-4, 255), a senior tackle who led the team in sacks, and senior cornerback Sheldon White, second in the MAC with six interceptions. Senior Gary Gussman brings an MAC record streak of 80 consecutive extra-point kicks into the 1987 season. Senior Chris Thomas ranks sixth among the nation's kickoff-returners coming back.

OHIO U. (1-10, 0-8)—The Bobcats, long known for their ability to strike through the air, are building a ground game to go with it. Senior ball carrier Jesse Owens poses an all-around running threat. Quarterback Porter led the MAC in total offense, and pass-catchers Cameron, junior Cyle Feldman and senior Jim Geiser are back. Despite being winless in the MAC in 1986, the Bobcats played well in four of their last five games. Third-year Coach Cleve Bryant returns 30 lettermen, including six starters on offense and eight on defense. The key player on defense should be fifth-year senior linebacker Doug Mangen (6-1, 210).

TOLEDO (7-4, 5-3)—If history really does repeat, then the Rockets should be solid favorites. In five of the last six seasons, the champion finished the previous season with a winning streak, and Toledo won its last five games. However, graduation took All-MAC tailback Farmer and Associated Press third-team All-America free safety Harold McGuire and left big holes at quarterback, linebacker, defensive tackle and cornerback. Sixth-year Coach Dan Simrell has nine starters on offense and six on defense. The Rockets' solid offensive front returns All-MAC second-teamer Todd Olsen (6-4, 248), a junior, at guard—his twin brother, Tim (6-5, 238), also a junior, is the other guard—sophomore George Linberger (6-2, 245) at center, junior Brian Hartong (6-2, 253) at tackle and junior Tyler Burdick (6-5, 218) at tight end. Senior tackle Paul Sandor (6-3, 230), an All-MAC second-team selection, will anchor the defensive front. Junior Steve Huffman (6-2, 225), the Rockets' leading tackler (156) and an all-conference linebacker, also returns.

WESTERN MICHIGAN (3-8, 3-5)—New Coach Al Molde inherits 41 lettermen. The group includes 15 starters, among whom is a solid nucleus of 10 defensive veterans. Personnel losses were in greater number (six) on offense, but those gaps may be more easily filled. Senior Jim Kramer (6-3, 230) at tackle and senior Denny Robinson at safety give the defense leadership. Defensive back Chris Wagner and linebacker John Smeenge (6-6, 205), both sophomores, lead the underclassmen. Wagner had seven interceptions to rank sixth in the nation. On offense, seniors Lewis Howard and Joe Glenn, the ground game's one-two punch, return. Molde will count heavily on transfers to fill other voids.

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AKRON

An occasionally rocky first year on the job hasn't caused Gerry Faust to change his mind about the University of Akron and its great forward step.

"It's a sleeping giant," Faust says. "If the people are willing to make the commitment, it could be an outstanding I-A program. The area is rich in talent. The school has 24,000 students. And we have our own stadium that seats 36,000."

Faust cautions that it's going to take time. Rome wasn't built in a day. Nor were the football programs at Ohio State or Alabama or Penn State or those of other major powers. Even Notre Dame had to kick the old pigskin around in relative anonymity for a few years until Knute Rockne and the Gipper came along.

Now, with the former Notre Dame coach calling the shots, it's Akron's turn. This season Faust directs the Zips on their first flight into the rarified atmosphere of I-A. The schedule includes games with Eastern Michigan, Kent State, Northern Illinois, Western Michigan, Oregon State, Louisville and Temple. Akron leaves the I-AA Ohio Valley Conference to test the I-A waters as an independent.

That was all part of the plan when Faust was signed to a five-year contract by Akron President William V. Muse. Faust was job-hunting after resigning at Notre Dame, where he went 30-26-1 in five seasons (1981-85). Trying to make the leap from Cincinnati Moeller High proved to be too much too soon. "We didn't do too bad," he says of his Notre Dame experience. "It just seems that sometimes you can try too hard, and all it does is make things worse."

His arrival at Akron was not all that smooth, either. To make room, Coach Jim Dennison was reassigned. He had led Akron to an 80-62-2 record and from Division II to Division I-AA in his 13 years as head coach. In his final season, he coached the Zips into the I-AA playoffs.

Dennison became associate athletic director in charge of facilities. His dream was not to take Akron to the Top 10 but to the Mid-American Conference. The coaching switch was denounced by some big-name Dennison backers, including Michigan Coach Bo Schembechler. "I have a lot of friends in the business, and I'd like to be coaching," Dennison said on the eve of Faust's first season. "I think that somewhere there's a president and an athletic director who want it done the right way."

With the team bequeathed by Dennison, Faust coached Akron to a 7-4 record. But the Zips finished second in the OVC with a 4-3 record after losing to Youngstown State in a 40-39 showdown.

Until Faust and his assistants hit the recruiting trail, the 1987 squad showed only eight seniors, six juniors, six sophomores and six redshirt freshmen. A crop of 44, including 11 junior college transfers, fleshed it out. The squad now includes 19 juniors, 39 sophomores and 20 freshmen.

"We had very few kids on scholarship and we had to fill the void," Faust says. "Down the line, we'll recruit JC kids just where we have a need. This year we had a wholesale need."

The need was most pressing on offense, where

Faust lost seven off a unit that scored in double figures in every game and averaged 32.4 in their last five. Although the defense returns seven starters, it broke down often and also needs strengthening.

"We have a lot of question marks," Faust says. "But I feel we have the talent to get the job done."

Many of the questions weren't answered by spring practice. The biggest looms at quarterback. "It's wide open," Faust says.

The leading candidates are Steve Brown of Glendale (Calif.) Community College and sophomores Andy Kubik and Duane Shields. Kubik completed 19 of 41 passes for 248 yards and a touchdown in five games. The freshman signees included quarterback John Case of state champion Cincinnati Purcell-Marian.

Derek Alston, a sophomore who saw limited action last season (46 carries for 206 yards and two touchdowns), is the heir apparent to the departed Mike Clark at tailback. Faust says the Zips are in good shape at fullback where sophomore Scott Rindfuss, senior part-time starter Dan Hampton (92 carries for 375 yards and five touchdowns) and Arizona Western transfer John Motton contend.

The wide-out position is up for grabs. Seniors Milt Kimbrough and Ed Andrade combined for 11 receptions for 220 yards and a touchdown. Morris McDaniel of Fort Scott (Kan.) Community College is expected to make a strong run.

Junior John Buddenberg (6-5, 255) at tackle and senior Gregg Townsend (6-2, 262) at guard are the only 1986 starters back on the offensive front. Junior guard Shawn Fagan (6-3, 265) played extensively. Help should come from sophomores Tim Marconi (6-6, 276), who transferred from Temple, and David

Feather (6-5, 270) and Brian Shertz (6-3, 255), transfers from Wichita State. "We're going to be very young on the offensive line, but we'll be big," says Faust.

The inside linebackers figure to put the zip in the Akron defense. Faust was pleased with the spring work of Mike Rahach (6-1, 215), a returning starter who was in on a team-leading 110 tackles, Steve Englehart (6-1, 210) and Mike Felsoci (6-2, 235). Rahach and Englehart are sophomores, Felsoci a junior. Carlos Barrow (6-1, 230), a transfer from Garden City (Kan.) CC, is expected to make an impact. "We think he's going to be outstanding," says Faust.

Seniors Jay Miller (6-2, 240) and Darryl Robinson (6-3, 237) shore up the outside linebacker position. Miller was a down lineman and Robinson an inside backer.

Middle guard Pierce Joiner (6-0, 260), who started as a freshman last season, and senior tackle Doug Knepp (6-5, 245) are returning starters. Depth and starters at other positions must be established.

The secondary, where junior safeties Bob Lyons and Gary Tyler return, ranks as the defensive bulwark. Tyler intercepted six passes last season, returning them for 109 yards and two touchdowns. Lyons intercepted two. Senior Mike Stricklen, freshmen Dave Wilkins and Shannon Wolfe and sophomore Mike Ginella battle at the corners.

Sophomore kicker Bob Dombroski returns after finishing his first season with eight straight field goals. With the loss of Mike Knapp, the punting chores fall to sophomore transfer Bill Rudison.

"With the caliber of opponents we've got coming up—we've got Tennessee, Florida, Army, Rutgers and a bunch of others on the schedule in the future—the intensity level had to be improved," says Faust. "Some kids have dropped by the wayside because they know they can't compete at that level. But most have responded."

Six years ago, when Notre Dame reached down to the high school ranks to fill the most glamorous job in college football, it appeared to many that it was a perfect meld of man with job. In 18 years at Moeller, Faust had won an incredible 90.7 percent and posted seven perfect seasons. He seemed to be type-cast as a latter-day Rockne.

It didn't work. Now, although Faust says he will always have a deep well of affection for Notre Dame, Akron is getting his total attention.

"It's just like when I went to Notre Dame," he says. "Moeller was over as far as I was concerned. I'll always love Moeller and Notre Dame, and I'll do anything I can to help them. But my heart and soul are here at Akron."

The fans are taking a wait-and-see attitude. While a crowd of 42,000 attended Ohio State's spring game in Columbus, a mere 489 watched the Zips play theirs in the Rubber Bowl.

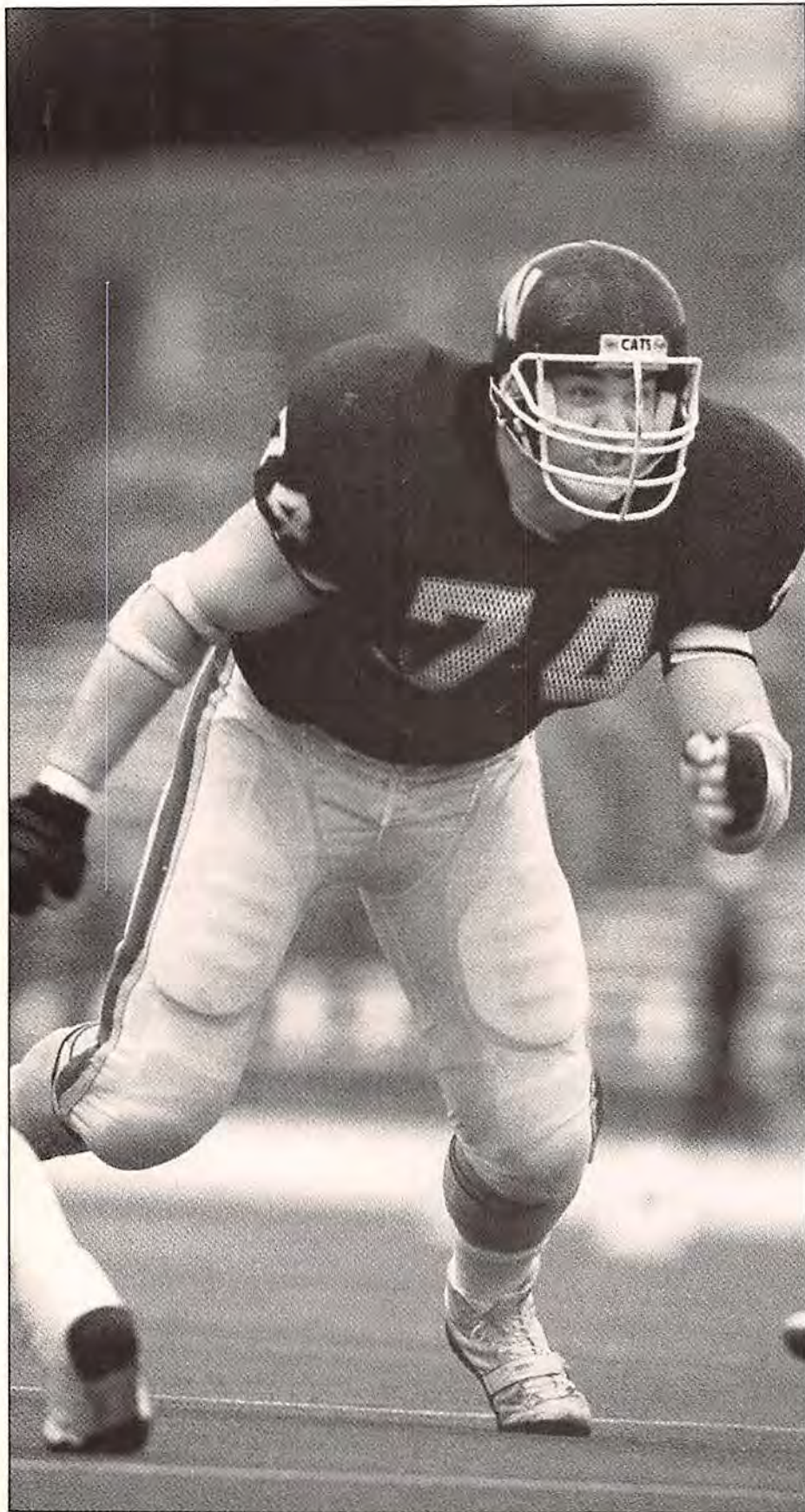
Facts like that might shake the faith of a less enthusiastic man.

"Five years from now, we think we should have a good, solid Division I-A program," Faust says. "It's going to take that long. But that's if it's done right."

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Gerry Faust is worked up about Akron's future.





Senior Academic All-American tackle Mike Baum brightens the offensive picture.

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than an ACT exam. At end, Jamsek could team with junior Rod McCrimmon (6-5, 230), senior Kurt Lundergreen (6-4, 230) or junior college transfer Doug Martin (6-4, 235).

Tackle candidates are seniors Tony Karras (6-0, 250) and Dan Berkiel (6-5, 265), junior Dave Holding (6-3, 260) and junior college transfer Andre Walker (6-5, 255).

Junior Kevin Peterson (6-4, 230) gets the nod at outside linebacker with junior Mike Vickery (6-2, 215) backing him up. But they may have to make room for senior Bob Bucaro (5-11, 205), a one-time starter who suffered a broken leg in the fourth game of the 1986 season and sat out the spring. He is expected to return this fall.

At inside linebacker, Brown and Kaukialo will be supported by seniors Chris Witteck (6-2, 225) and Doug Pennington (6-2, 235), and sophomore Matt Witt (6-2, 210). Myers' backup at roverback will be junior Steve Siewert.

Whitley will be paired with returning starter Jeff Robinson, a junior, or senior Dirk Adams at cornerback. But Robinson could be shifted to free safety if junior Kyle Palmer or senior Bill McLaughlin doesn't earn a start.

The kicking game isn't so confusing. But Peay will feel a lot better if senior Shawn Carpenter, who averaged 36.5 yards per punt for the last two years, is more consistent.

Placekicker John Duvic, the leading scorer in Northwestern history, graduated. Peay is optimistic that sophomore Ira Adler has the foot to step in. In high school, Adler booted three field goals of 50 yards or longer. "Adler is at the same talent level as Duvic at the same point in his career," says Peay.

The numbers, or lack of them, may sound all too familiar to alumni who are used to seeing freshmen being trampled by Michigan and Ohio State.

Although he recruited one of Northwestern's best freshman classes in years—several were wooed by Notre Dame, Michigan and other national powers—Peay insists he isn't counting on freshmen to solve problems.

"We're going to attempt to let them grow and develop," Peay says. "We don't want any freshman to move in unless he has exceptional maturity and an exceptional level of ability. To use our youth as cannon fodder doesn't make sense."

So there is a new feeling at Northwestern. And it was clearly evident during spring drills.

"In the past, everyone used to look for a million-dollar wound, a way to get out of practice," says Peay. "With no hope, the players had a 'Why die on the last day of the war?' attitude. But the attitude has changed. So has the work ethic. Now the players expect performance out of themselves."

"What I see is more enthusiasm, kids wanting to practice, a desire to win," Greenfield says. "Now we just have to make it happen."

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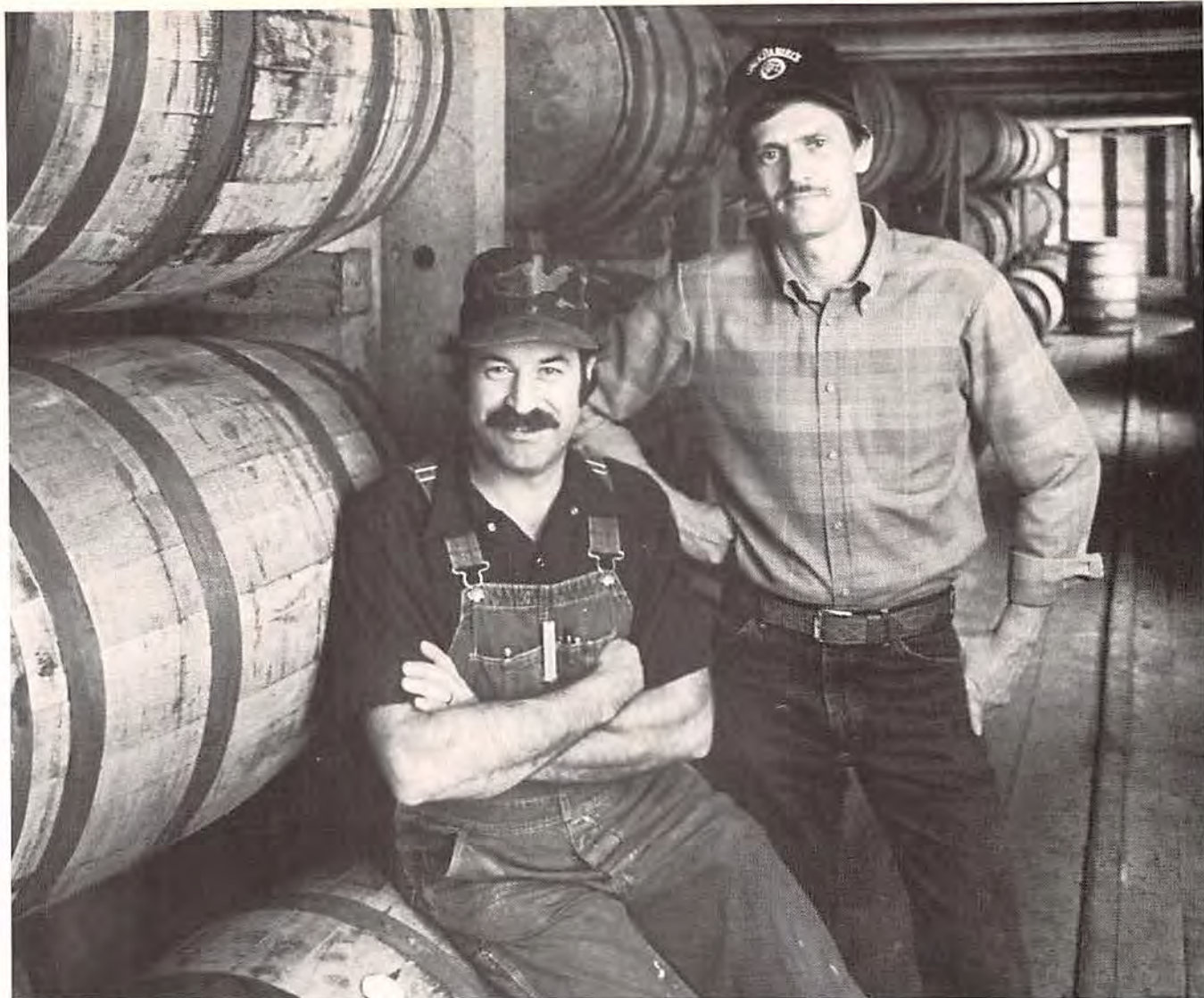
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N. 22 at New York Jets-1:00
N. 29 MIAMI-1:00
D. 6 at L.A. Raiders-1:00
D. 13 at Indianapolis-1:00
D. 20 NEW ENGLAND-1:00
D. 27 at Philadelphia-1:00

Indianapolis Colts

S. 13 CINCINNATI-12:00
S. 20 MIAMI-12:00
S. 27 at St. Louis-12:00
O. 4 at Buffalo-1:00
O. 11 NEW YORK JETS-12:00
O. 18 at Pittsburgh-1:00
O. 25 NEW ENGLAND-1:00
N. 1 at New York Jets-1:00
N. 8 SAN DIEGO-1:00
N. 15 at Miami-1:00
N. 22 at New England-1:00
N. 29 HOUSTON-1:00
D. 6 at Cleveland-1:00
D. 13 BUFFALO-1:00
D. 20 at San Diego-1:00
D. 27 TAMPA BAY-1:00

Miami Dolphins

S. 13 at New England-1:00
S. 20 at Indianapolis-12:00
S. 27 NEW YORK GIANTS-1:00
O. 4 at Seattle-1:00
O. 11 KANSAS CITY-1:00
O. 18 at New York Jets-1:00
O. 25 BUFFALO-1:00
N. 1 PITTSBURGH-1:00
N. 8 at Cincinnati-4:00
N. 15 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
N. 22 at Dallas (night)-7:00
N. 29 at Buffalo-1:00
D. 7 N.Y. JETS (Mon.)-9:00
D. 13 at Philadelphia-1:00
D. 20 WASH. (night)-8:00
D. 28 NEW ENG. (Mon.)-9:00

New England Patriots

S. 13 MIAMI-1:00
S. 21 at N.Y. Jets (Mon.)-9:00
S. 27 at Washington-1:00
O. 4 CLEVELAND-1:00
O. 11 BUFFALO-1:00
O. 18 at Houston-12:00
O. 25 at Indianapolis-1:00
N. 1 L.A. RAIDERS-1:00
N. 8 at N.Y. Giants (night)-8:00
N. 15 DALLAS-1:00
N. 22 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
N. 29 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
D. 6 at Denver-2:00
D. 13 NEW YORK JETS-1:00
D. 20 at Buffalo-1:00
D. 28 at Miami (Mon.)-9:00

New York Jets

S. 13 at Buffalo-1:00
S. 21 NEW ENG. (Mon.)-9:00
S. 27 at Pittsburgh-4:00
O. 4 DALLAS-4:00
O. 11 at Indianapolis-12:00
O. 18 MIAMI-1:00
O. 25 at Washington-1:00
N. 1 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
N. 9 SEATTLE (Mon.)-9:00
N. 15 at Kansas City-12:00
N. 22 BUFFALO-1:00
N. 29 CINCINNATI-1:00
D. 7 at Miami (Mon.)-9:00
D. 13 at New England-1:00
D. 20 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
D. 27 at New York Giants-1:00

Cincinnati Bengals

S. 13 at Indianapolis-12:00
S. 20 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
S. 27 at Los Angeles Rams-1:00
O. 4 SAN DIEGO-1:00
O. 11 at Seattle-1:00
O. 18 CLEVELAND-1:00
O. 25 at Pittsburgh-1:00
N. 1 HOUSTON-1:00
N. 8 MIAMI-4:00
N. 15 at Atlanta-4:00
N. 22 PITTSBURGH-1:00
N. 29 at New York Jets-1:00
D. 6 KANSAS CITY-1:00
D. 13 at Cleveland-1:00
D. 20 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
D. 27 at Houston-1:00

Cleveland Browns

S. 13 at New Orleans-12:00
S. 20 PITTSBURGH-1:00
S. 28 DENVER (Mon.)-9:00
O. 4 at New England-1:00
O. 11 HOUSTON-1:00
O. 18 at Cincinnati-1:00
O. 26 L.A. RAMS (Mon.)-9:00
N. 1 at San Diego-1:00
N. 8 ATLANTA-1:00
N. 15 BUFFALO-1:00
N. 22 at Houston-12:00
N. 29 at S.F. (night)-5:00
D. 6 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
D. 13 CINCINNATI-1:00
D. 20 at L.A. Raiders-1:00
D. 26 at Pittsburgh (Sat.)-12:30

Houston Oilers

S. 13 L.A. RAMS-12:00
S. 20 at Buffalo-1:00
S. 27 L.A. RAIDERS-12:00
O. 4 at Denver-2:00
O. 11 at Cleveland-1:00
O. 18 NEW ENGLAND-12:00
O. 25 ATLANTA-12:00
N. 1 at Cincinnati-1:00
N. 8 at San Francisco-1:00
N. 15 at Pittsburgh-1:00
N. 22 CLEVELAND-12:00
N. 29 at Indianapolis-1:00
D. 6 SAN DIEGO-12:00
D. 13 at New Orleans-12:00
D. 20 PITTSBURGH-12:00
D. 27 CINCINNATI-12:00

Pittsburgh Steelers

S. 13 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
S. 20 at Cleveland-1:00
S. 27 NEW YORK JETS-4:00
O. 4 at Atlanta-1:00
O. 11 at Los Angeles Rams-1:00
O. 18 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
O. 25 CINCINNATI-1:00
N. 1 at Miami-1:00
N. 8 at Kansas City-12:00
N. 15 HOUSTON-1:00
N. 22 at Cincinnati-1:00
N. 29 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
D. 6 SEATTLE-1:00
D. 13 at San Diego-1:00
D. 20 at Houston-12:00
D. 26 CLEVELAND (Sat.)-12:30

Denver Broncos

S. 13 SEATTLE-2:00
S. 20 vs. G.B. at Milw.-12:00
S. 28 at Cleveland (Mon.)-9:00
O. 4 HOUSTON-2:00
O. 12 L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)-7:00
O. 18 at Kansas City-3:00
O. 25 at Minnesota-12:00
N. 1 DETROIT-2:00
N. 8 at Buffalo-1:00
N. 16 CHICAGO (Mon.)-7:00
N. 22 at L.A. Raiders-1:00
N. 29 at San Diego-1:00
D. 6 NEW ENGLAND-2:00
D. 13 at Seattle (night)-5:00
D. 19 KANSAS CITY (Sat.)-2:00
D. 27 SAN DIEGO-2:00

Kansas City Chiefs

S. 13 SAN DIEGO-12:00
S. 20 at Seattle-1:00
S. 27 MINNESOTA-12:00
O. 4 at L.A. Raiders-1:00
O. 11 at Miami-1:00
O. 18 DENVER-3:00
O. 25 at Chicago-12:00
N. 1 at Pittsburgh-12:00
N. 15 NEW YORK JETS-12:00
N. 22 GREEN BAY-12:00
N. 26 at Detroit (Thanks.)-12:30
D. 6 at Cincinnati-1:00
D. 13 L.A. RAIDERS-3:00
D. 19 at Denver (Sat.)-2:00
D. 27 SEATTLE-12:00

Los Angeles Raiders

S. 13 at Green Bay-3:00
S. 20 DETROIT-1:00
S. 27 at Houston-12:00
O. 4 KANSAS CITY-1:00
O. 12 at Denver (Mon.)-7:00
O. 18 SAN DIEGO-1:00
O. 25 SEATTLE-1:00
N. 1 at New England-1:00
N. 8 at Minnesota-12:00
N. 15 at San Diego (night)-5:00
N. 22 DENVER-1:00
N. 30 at Seattle (Mon.)-6:00
D. 6 BUFFALO-1:00
D. 13 at Kansas City-3:00
D. 20 CLEVELAND-1:00
D. 27 CHICAGO-1:00

San Diego Chargers

S. 13 at Kansas City-12:00
S. 20 ST. LOUIS-1:00
S. 27 SEATTLE-1:00
O. 4 at Cincinnati-1:00
O. 11 at Tampa Bay-1:00
O. 18 at L.A. Raiders-1:00
O. 25 KANSAS CITY-1:00
N. 1 CLEVELAND-1:00
N. 8 at Indianapolis-1:00
N. 15 L.A. RAIDERS (night)-5:00
N. 22 at Seattle-1:00
N. 29 DENVER-1:00
D. 6 at Houston-12:00
D. 13 PITTSBURGH-1:00
D. 20 INDIANAPOLIS-1:00
D. 27 at Denver-2:00

Seattle Seahawks

S. 13 at Denver-2:00
S. 20 KANSAS CITY-1:00
S. 27 at San Diego-1:00
O. 4 MIAMI-1:00
O. 11 CINCINNATI-1:00
O. 18 at Detroit-1:00
O. 25 at L.A. Raiders-1:00
N. 1 MINNESOTA-1:00
N. 9 at N.Y. Jets (Mon.)-9:00
N. 15 GREEN BAY-1:00
N. 22 SAN DIEGO-1:00
N. 30 L.A. RAIDERS (Mon.)-6:00
D. 6 at Pittsburgh-1:00
D. 13 DENVER (night)-5:00
D. 20 at Chicago-12:00
D. 27 at Kansas City-12:00

EAST CENTRAL WEST

Dallas Cowboys

S. 13 at St. Louis-12:00
S. 20 at New York Giants-4:00
S. 27 BUFFALO-12:00
O. 4 at New York Jets-4:00
O. 11 PHILADELPHIA-12:00
O. 19 WASH. (Mon.)-8:00
O. 25 at Philadelphia-1:00
N. 2 N.Y. GIANTS (Mon.)-8:00
N. 8 at Detroit-1:00
N. 15 at New England-1:00
N. 22 MIAMI (night)-7:00
N. 26 MINN. (Thanks.)-3:00
D. 6 ATLANTA-12:00
D. 13 at Washington-1:00
D. 21 at L.A. Rams (Mon.)-6:00
D. 27 ST. LOUIS-12:00

New York Giants

S. 14 at Chicago (Mon.)-8:00
S. 20 DALLAS-4:00
S. 27 at Miami-1:00
O. 5 S.F. (Mon.)-9:00
O. 11 WASHINGTON-4:00
O. 18 at Buffalo-4:00
O. 25 ST. LOUIS-4:00
N. 2 at Dallas (Mon.)-8:00
N. 8 NEW ENG. (night)-8:00
N. 15 at Philadelphia-4:00
N. 22 at New Orleans-3:00
N. 29 at Washington-4:00
D. 6 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
D. 13 at St. Louis-3:00
D. 19 GREEN BAY (Sat.)-12:30
D. 27 NEW YORK JETS-1:00

Philadelphia Eagles

S. 13 at Washington-1:00
S. 20 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
S. 27 at San Francisco-1:00
O. 4 CHICAGO-1:00
O. 11 at Dallas-12:00
O. 18 at Green Bay-12:00
O. 25 DALLAS-1:00
N. 1 at St. Louis-12:00
N. 8 WASHINGTON-1:00
N. 15 N.Y. GIANTS-4:00
N. 22 ST. LOUIS-1:00
N. 29 at New England-1:00
D. 6 at New York Giants-1:00
D. 13 MIAMI-1:00
D. 20 at New York Jets-1:00
D. 27 BUFFALO-1:00

St. Louis Cardinals

S. 13 DALLAS-12:00
S. 20 at San Diego-1:00
S. 27 INDIANAPOLIS-12:00
O. 4 at Washington-1:00
O. 11 NEW ORLEANS-12:00
O. 18 at San Francisco-1:00
O. 25 at New York Giants-4:00
N. 1 PHILADELPHIA-12:00
N. 8 TAMPA BAY-12:00
N. 15 L.A. RAMS-12:00
N. 22 at Philadelphia-1:00
N. 29 at Atlanta-1:00
D. 6 WASHINGTON-12:00
D. 13 N.Y. GIANTS-3:00
D. 20 at Tampa Bay-4:00
D. 27 at Dallas-12:00

Washington Redskins

S. 13 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
S. 20 at Atlanta-1:00
S. 27 NEW ENGLAND-1:00
O. 4 ST. LOUIS-1:00
O. 11 at New York Giants-4:00
O. 19 at Dallas (Mon.)-8:00
O. 25 NEW YORK JETS-1:00
N. 1 at Buffalo-1:00
N. 8 at Philadelphia-1:00
N. 15 DETROIT-1:00
N. 23 L.A. RAMS (Mon.)-9:00
N. 29 N.Y. GIANTS-4:00
D. 6 at St. Louis-12:00
D. 13 DALLAS-1:00
D. 20 at Miami (night)-8:00
D. 26 at Minnesota (Sat.)-3:00

Chicago Bears

S. 14 N.Y. GIANTS (Mon.)-8:00
S. 20 TAMPA BAY-12:00
S. 27 at Detroit-1:00
O. 4 at Philadelphia-1:00
O. 11 MINNESOTA-12:00
O. 18 NEW ORLEANS-12:00
O. 25 at Tampa Bay-1:00
N. 1 KANSAS CITY-12:00
N. 8 at Green Bay-12:00
N. 16 at Denver (Mon.)-7:00
N. 22 DETROIT-12:00
N. 29 GREEN BAY-12:00
D. 6 at Minnesota (night)-7:00
D. 14 at S.F. (Mon.)-6:00
D. 20 SEATTLE-12:00
D. 27 at L.A. Raiders-1:00

Detroit Lions

S. 13 at Minnesota-12:00
S. 20 at L.A. Raiders-1:00
S. 27 CHICAGO-1:00
O. 4 TAMPA BAY-1:00
O. 11 at Green Bay-12:00
O. 18 SEATTLE-1:00
O. 25 GREEN BAY-1:00
N. 1 at Denver-2:00
N. 8 DALLAS-1:00
N. 15 at Washington-1:00
N. 22 at Chicago-12:00
N. 26 K.C. (Thanks.)-12:30
D. 6 L.A. RAMS-1:00
D. 13 at Tampa Bay-4:00
D. 20 MINNESOTA-1:00
D. 27 at Atlanta-1:00

Green Bay Packers

S. 13 L.A. RAIDERS-3:00
S. 20 DENVER at Milw.-12:00
S. 27 at Tampa Bay-1:00
O. 4 at Minnesota-12:00
O. 11 DETROIT-12:00
O. 18 PHILADELPHIA-12:00
O. 25 at Detroit-1:00
N. 1 TAMPA BAY at Milw.-12:00
N. 8 CHICAGO-12:00
N. 15 at Seattle-1:00
N. 22 at Kansas City-12:00
N. 29 at Chicago-12:00
D. 6 SAN FRANCISCO-12:00
D. 13 MINN. at Milw.-12:00
D. 19 at N.Y. Giants (Sat.)-12:30
D. 27 at New Orleans-12:00

Minnesota Vikings

S. 13 DETROIT-12:00
S. 20 at Los Angeles Rams-1:00
S. 27 at Kansas City-12:00
O. 4 GREEN BAY-12:00
O. 11 at Chicago-12:00
O. 18 TAMPA BAY-12:00
O. 25 DENVER-12:00
N. 1 at Seattle-1:00
N. 8 L.A. RAIDERS-12:00
N. 15 at Tampa Bay-1:00
N. 22 ATLANTA-12:00
N. 26 at Dallas (Thanks.)-3:00
D. 6 CHICAGO (night)-7:00
D. 13 vs. G.B. at Milw.-12:00
D. 20 at Detroit-1:00
D. 26 WASHINGTON (Sat.)-3:00

Tampa Bay Buccaneers

S. 13 ATLANTA-1:00
S. 20 at Chicago-12:00
S. 27 GREEN BAY-1:00
O. 4 at Detroit-1:00
O. 11 SAN DIEGO-1:00
O. 18 at Minnesota-12:00
O. 25 CHICAGO-1:00
N. 1 vs. G.B. at Milw.-12:00
N. 8 at St. Louis-12:00
N. 15 MINNESOTA-1:00
N. 22 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
N. 29 at Los Angeles Rams-1:00
D. 6 at New Orleans-3:00
D. 13 DETROIT-4:00
D. 20 ST. LOUIS-4:00
D. 27 at Indianapolis-1:00

Atlanta Falcons

S. 13 at Tampa Bay-1:00
S. 20 WASHINGTON-1:00
S. 27 at New Orleans-12:00
O. 4 PITTSBURGH-1:00
O. 11 at San Francisco-1:00
O. 18 LOS ANGELES RAMS-1:00
O. 25 at Houston-12:00
N. 1 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
N. 8 at Cleveland-1:00
N. 15 CINCINNATI-4:00
N. 22 at Minnesota-12:00
N. 29 ST. LOUIS-1:00
D. 6 at Dallas-12:00
D. 13 at Los Angeles Rams-1:00
D. 20 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
D. 27 DETROIT-1:00

Los Angeles Rams

S. 13 at Houston-12:00
S. 20 MINNESOTA-1:00
S. 27 CINCINNATI-1:00
O. 4 at New Orleans-12:00
O. 11 PITTSBURGH-1:00
O. 18 at Atlanta-1:00
O. 26 at Cleveland (Mon.)-9:00
N. 1 SAN FRANCISCO-1:00
N. 8 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
N. 15 at St. Louis-12:00
N. 23 at Washington (Mon.)-9:00
N. 29 TAMPA BAY-1:00
D. 6 at Detroit-1:00
D. 13 ATLANTA-1:00
D. 21 DALLAS (Mon.)-6:00
D. 27 at S.F. (night)-5:00

New Orleans Saints

S. 13 CLEVELAND-12:00
S. 20 at Philadelphia-1:00
S. 27 ATLANTA-12:00
O. 4 L.A. RAMS-12:00
O. 11 at St. Louis-12:00
O. 18 at Chicago-12:00
O. 25 SAN FRANCISCO-12:00
N. 1 at Atlanta-1:00
N. 8 at Los Angeles Rams-1:00
N. 15 at San Francisco-1:00
N. 22 NEW YORK GIANTS-3:00
N. 29 at Pittsburgh-3:00
D. 6 TAMPA BAY-3:00
D. 13 HOUSTON-12:00
D. 20 at Cincinnati-1:00
D. 27 GREEN BAY-12:00

San Francisco 49ers

S. 13 at Pittsburgh-1:00
S. 20 at Cincinnati-1:00
S. 27 PHILADELPHIA-1:00
O. 5 at N.Y. Giants (Mon.)-9:00
O. 11 ATLANTA-1:00
O. 18 ST. LOUIS-1:00
O. 25 at New Orleans-12:00
N. 1 at Los Angeles Rams-1:00
N. 8 HOUSTON-1:00
N. 15 NEW ORLEANS-1:00
N. 22 at Tampa Bay-1:00
N. 29 CLEVELAND (night)-5:00
D. 6 at Green Bay-12:00
D. 14 CHICAGO (Mon.)-6:00
D. 20 at Atlanta-1:00
D. 27 L.A. RAMS (night)-5:00

About the only way Lou Holtz could get more out of Tim Brown in his last season at Notre Dame would be to play him at quarterback. If that has occurred to the multitasking Heisman Trophy candidate, it's a thought he might be wise to keep to himself. All he does now is run from scrimmage, catch passes and return kickoffs and punts.

Actually, the senior flanker/tailback did play quarterback, among other positions, at Woodrow Wilson High School in Dallas and made prep All-America. In the last two years of Gerry Faust's regime at Notre Dame, Brown was a productive yet disenchanted receiver and returner. "I didn't cry when he left, I'll just say that," says Brown of the coaching change.

"I walked off the field on the third day of spring practice last year," Holtz says. "It was obvious to me he was an exceptional talent."

Then, as a junior, on Holtz's arrival, Brown became the nucleus of the offense, a do-it-all delivery man specializing in air express.

Brown's contributions were monumental. As a special delivery man, he was without peer, scoring two touchdowns on runs, two on kickoff returns and five on pass receptions. He ranked third in the nation with an average of 176.1 all-purpose yards per game (1,937 in all). He caught 45 passes for 910 yards (a 20.2-yard average). He carried the ball 59 times for 254 yards, a 4.3-yard average. He returned 25 kickoffs for 698 yards, a 27.9 average (one for 96 yards). He returned the final two punts of the season for 75 yards, and when he was stopped on the second of those, after running 56 yards, the ball was on the Southern California 17-yard line with 2:15 left.

At that moment, the Irish were teetering on the brink of a 4-7 season. But as time and Holtz's first year ran out, John Carney kicked a 19-yard field goal to give them a 38-37 victory and the new coach a 5-6 record in his debut.

It would cause Holtz to look back at close defeats and near misses and to conclude that Notre Dame, given the luck of the Irish, could have been 10-1. That the team was close to such a startling turnaround was attributable to Brown more than any other player.

"I walked off the field on the third day of spring practice last year," Holtz says. "It was obvious to me he was an exceptional talent. And so we made up our minds we were going to get him the ball in a variety of different ways: in the kicking game, by throwing it to him. We wondered if there were other ways, and somebody said, 'We can hand it to him, can't we?'"

The beauty of it was that making Brown a quadruple-threat not only gave the player a new feeling of belonging but also it fit right into the way that Holtz liked to do things in his years at Minnesota, Arkansas, North Carolina State and William & Mary.

"That's always been the nature of our offense: to take a very talented individual and use him in a variety of ways," Holtz says. "Tim is very productive in every area." What now?

"I don't know what else we can do to get him the ball unless we play him on defense," Holtz says. "He'll run back punts and kickoffs, carry the ball from the quarterback, catch it from the quarterback. And he's also a good blocker. He's a very fascinating individual."

During the spring, with Holtz's blessing, Brown practiced football and ran track, usually on alternate days. When there was a conflict, football lost, a defeat that Holtz accepted philosophically. "Obviously, his best sport is football," Holtz said, "but track might help him to increase his speed."

Not that Brown is a lead-foot. Even wearing high-tops, he has 4.31 speed in the 40. At 6 feet and 195 pounds, with sprinter's speed and a juggler's dexterity, he is definitely the man to build around in a season in which Holtz says Notre Dame's overall talent level may be less than it was in his first year.

It is hardly as if Brown has been preparing for this all his life.

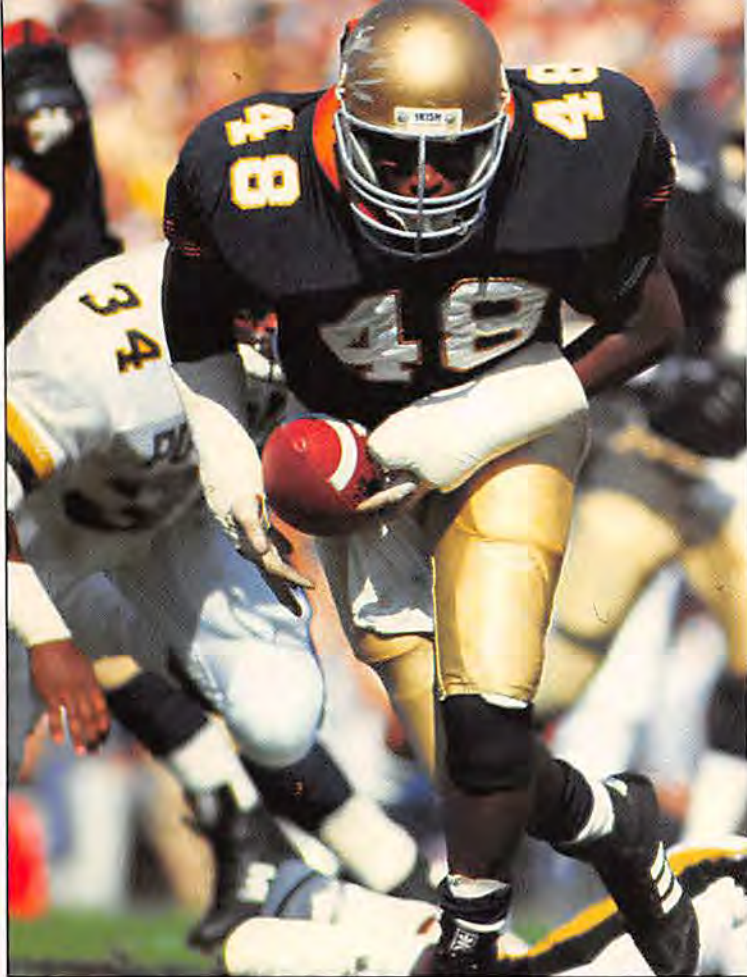
In fact, not long ago, it seemed that his best position might be bass drum.

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Terry Andrysiak looked forward all last year to leading the Irish.



Cedric Figaro has a feel for the ball: seven fumble recoveries.

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"I didn't go out for football until junior high, when I was about 13," he says. "My mom didn't want me to play football. She always wanted me to be in the band. Plus, I was really small, and she never thought I'd be big enough."

In his freshman year at Woodrow Wilson, the only action Brown saw was before the game and at halftime, playing drummer boy with the marching band. The next season, he made the football varsity, and the band lost a drummer who probably would have been one of its best all-around performers. By the end of his senior season at Woodrow Wilson, he had accumulated more than 4,000 yards in rushing, receiving and runbacks. He was one of the top 100 blue-chip prospects in the country, wooed by Hayden Fry of Iowa; Barry Switzer of Oklahoma; Tom Osborne of Nebraska; Fred Akers of Purdue, then of Texas; Bobby Collins, then of SMU; and Faust of Akron, then of Notre Dame. Only a last-day selling job by Brown's older brother, Donald Kelly, saved him from the SMU abyss and propelled him to South Bend.

"If it hadn't been for my brother and my family, I probably would have ended up at SMU," Brown says. "It's worked out great."

Those are sentiments Holtz shares. With Brown leading the way, Notre Dame played better in the first year of the Holtz era than the coach said he had a right to expect. Five of the six losses, including a 24-23 opening game

defeat by Michigan and a late-season 24-19 heartbreaker to national champion Penn State, were by a combined total of 14 points. The worst defeat was 28-10 to Alabama. Notre Dame won four of its last six games after losing four of the first five.

"I felt that in the last six weeks of the season we were one of the better teams in the country," Holtz says. "But we never really developed the proper chemistry to be an awfully good team, and we never really learned how to win the close games on a consistent basis. It seemed like every time we got off the ground, somebody knocked us down. If something positive had occurred earlier in the year, who knows what might have happened?"

"But we ended up being one of the better offensive teams in the country despite the fact that we played many of the outstanding defenses.

"We had to emphasize the pass a little more than we'd like to. We were forced to throw it too many times. We'd like to be more of a ball-control team."

Now, with Heisman Trophy candidate Brown primed for an explosive all-purpose final season, Holtz hopes for not only a more rounded, grounded attack but also for the fast start that eluded the Irish in 1986. There are many holes to be filled, however, including a large one left by the graduation of quarterback Steve Beuerlein, who passed for 13 touchdowns and 2,211

yards while suffering only seven interceptions in 259 passes. He was Notre Dame's all-time leader in several passing and total offense categories. The heir apparent is senior Terry Andrysiak, who started one game in 1985 and another in 1986. Andrysiak is a runner-passer who carried 29 times for 114 yards and a touchdown last season and completed 17 of 30 passes for 233 yards and another.

"Terry, I think, can be a good quarterback," Holtz says. "The main thing we're looking for is a quarterback who won't get us beat. We're not looking for one to throw for 3,000 yards or run for a thousand. We just want one who will enable the team to function effectively—to eliminate the bad play for us. I think Terry could do that. I have a lot of faith in him. He's a fine competitor."

Notre Dame returns its top six rushers. They include junior Mark Green (96 carries, 406 yards, two touchdowns) and sophomore Anthony Johnson (80 for 349, five TDs) who split time at tailback. Johnson has been moved to fullback. Others are fifth-year senior Pernel Taylor (69 for 284, five TDs) and sophomore Braxton Banks (49 for 209).

With 25 receptions for 242 yards, Green ranked third among receivers. Banks caught 10 passes for 55 yards and two touchdowns. Notre Dame lost starting split end Milt Jackson and starting tight end Joel Williams. Junior Andy Heck is the likely replacement for Wil-

liams. Alvin Miller, Tony Eason and Ray Dumas are in the split-end battle. Eason is a senior and Dumas a junior. Miller is a fifth-year senior who had six receptions for 107 yards. He had reconstructive knee surgery and may not be ready to play until mid-October.

Four fifth-year senior starters buttress the offensive line. They are center Chuck Lanza (6-2, 270), guard Tom Freeman (6-4, 265) and tackles Byron Spruell (6-4, 279) and Tom Rehder (6-7, 263). Behind them, Notre Dame generated 411.6 yards per game in '86, 14th nationally. Sophomore Jeff Pearson (6-2, 250) is the likeliest candidate at right guard. In all, seven offensive starters return.

"Offensively, we may not be as productive, but we can be better," Holtz says. "The kicking game and the defense must be the areas of improvement."

Holtz's main job in spring practice, beyond fitting Andrysiak into the starting quarterback slot, was rebuilding the defense, which lost seven starters. Among those who finished the season as starters, the outstanding talent probably is senior outside linebacker Cedric Figaro (6-2, 246). Figaro was the third-leading tackler last fall. He was in on 59 stops and came up with seven of the team's 12 fumble recoveries.

Other than Figaro, six of the seven top tacklers departed, including linebackers Mike Kov-

aleski, who was in on 88, and Ron Weissenhofer (49), and tackle Wally Kleine (74).

Nose tackle Mike Griffin (6-4, 246), also an '86 starter, has a fifth season of eligibility but must come back from January back surgery.

Defensive front candidates are senior Jeff Kunz (6-5, 256), who started three games at tackle last season; junior nose tackle Tom Gorman (6-6, 260), who started the USC game in Griffin's place; sophomore tackle Jeff Alm (6-6, 242); senior tackle Matt Dingsens (6-6, 260); and junior nose tackle Rich Morrison (6-3, 248). Senior fullback Frank Stams (6-3, 235) was switched to outside linebacker.

"We lost two fine linebackers," says Holtz, referring to Kovaleski and Weissenhofer. "We may not be as deep there, but I think we'll be pretty solid." Senior Darrell Gordon (6-3, 210) started five '86 games at outside linebacker. Senior Wes Pritchett (6-5, 234), sophomore Mike Stonebreaker (6-1, 218) and junior Ned Bolcar (6-2, 235) are other returning lettermen. Pritchett had 49 solo tackles.

The secondary is the question-mark area. Holtz hopes to build around fifth-year senior cornerback Marv Spence (33 tackles, one interception), senior strong safety Brandy Wells (41 tackles) and junior strong safety George Streeter (44 tackles). Wells is coming off knee surgery. Others contending are fifth-

year senior James Bobb, junior Corny Southall and sophomore Stan Smagala. Backup sophomore cornerback Pat Terrell was moved to split end.

"If we cannot solidify our secondary, it may be a long year," says Holtz.

Lessening that possibility could be a recruiting class that was rated the best in the nation according to the consensus opinion of top recruiting services. "On paper, it was an excellent year," Holtz says. "But we don't play on paper, they aren't from Krypton and they're not ready to be placed in the Hall of Fame. The key to how good this freshman team turns out to be is how much they improve. They're not good enough to step in and play, but if they progress, they could become very good."

So, too, could Lou Holtz's second edition. And Irish eyes will mostly be on the one man on the team who most closely resembles Superman.

Says Brown: "Coach tells me, 'Don't be disappointed if you don't do what you did last year. You had a great year.'"

Says Holtz: "This might turn out to be a better team than last year's, even though it may be less talented."

Don't be surprised if the Irish begin to turn it around. And don't be surprised if Tim Brown duplicates or surpasses his feats of a year ago.

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Double-Dealing Defenses, Deceiving Disguises

by Peter Finney

It was so simple in the old days. When the offense broke the huddle, the quarterback, or maybe the single wing tailback, didn't bother checking the defensive alignment.

There was no movement in the 6-2-2-1 or the 7-1-2-1 (the 7-diamond, they called it).

Even later, when the T-formation began sending men in motion, defenses limited their shifting.

Not today.

In the pros today, and especially in the college game where you have to defend the option, defenses can resemble a collection of Mexican jumping beans.

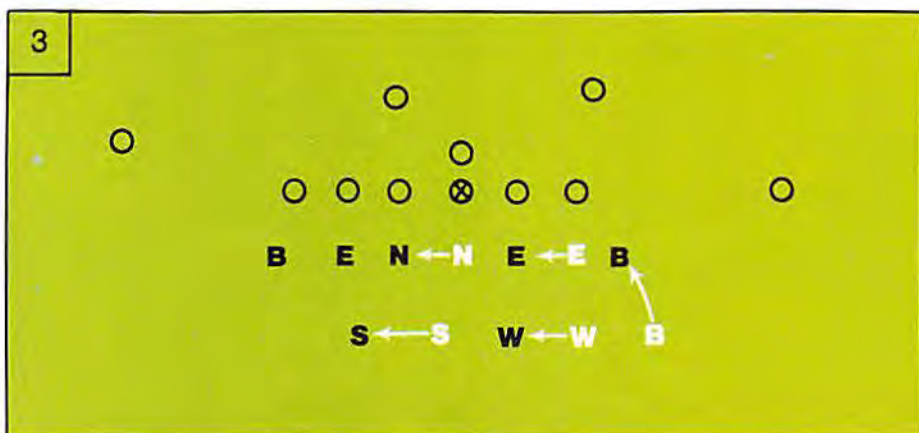
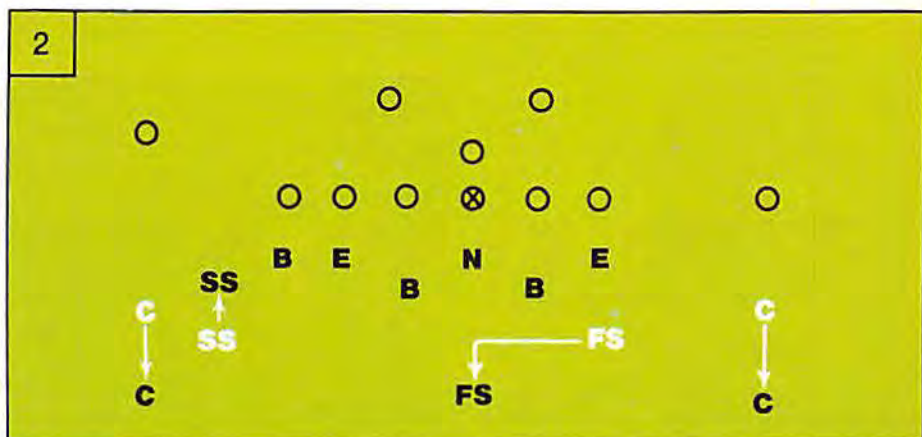
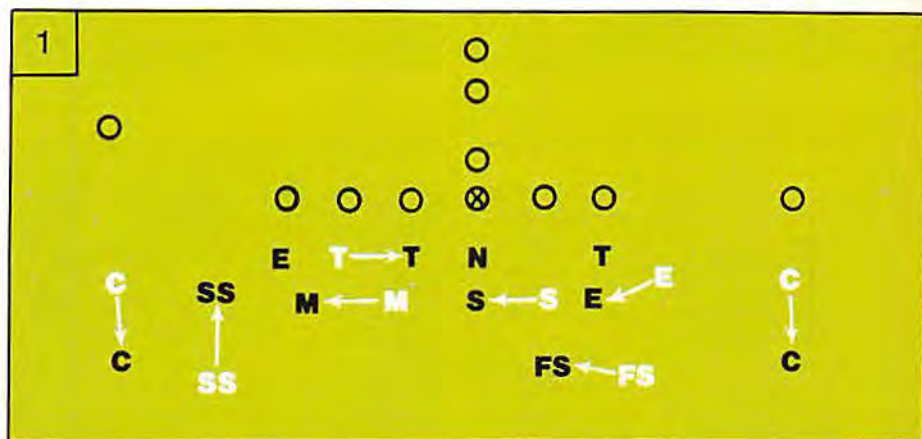
Stick your head in a defensive huddle and you might hear one player say, "Tight three." Then from another, "Stem—tight—eagle—stack." The first call determines the action of the linebackers and secondary. The second is for down linemen.

That's only a sample of today's lingo, as the defense plays a game of cat-and-mouse with offenses that have become increasingly more sophisticated.

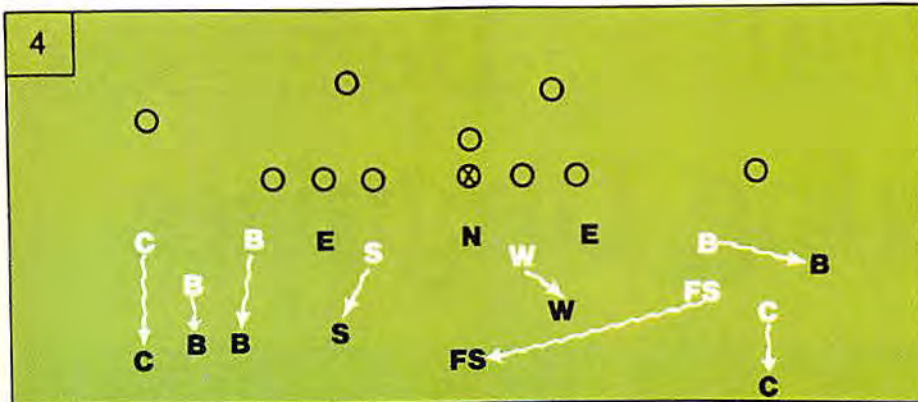
"In the last seven years," says Foge Fazio, defensive coordinator at Notre Dame, "the college game has been hit by a heavy pro influence. By that I mean you have quarterbacks and receivers playing the college game who are so talented you've got to try to confuse them. And many times the best way to do that is through disguise. Try to confuse them. Give one look, then shift into something else as the quarterback is calling signals."

"Twenty-five years ago, if a team threw 18 passes, they were considered a passing team. Today you have teams throwing the ball 45 times a game. And you have quarterbacks completing 50 to 60 percent of their passes. The quarterbacks and receivers are so coordinated, defenses have to adjust."

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Here are three examples of cleverly disguised defensive shifting at the last second before the snap to confuse the quarterback.



In diagram 4 the defense indicates blitz, then drops back. Coverages favored by Washington are illustrated in diagrams 5 and 6.

Diagram 7 shows how the quarterback can be deceived into thinking the cornerbacks will jam his wide receivers but, before the snap, they drop back to take away deep routes.

(Deceiving Disguises continued)

That's the problem for defenses facing high-voltage passing attacks.

There's also the problem of going up against the nifty quarterback who can keep the ball or pitch it.

For example, when facing an option team, the defense must determine who takes the quarterback and who takes the pitch-man. Ordinarily, the end will be responsible for the quarterback and either the cornerback or strong safety for the pitch-man. Sometimes a defense might blitz a strong safety, sending him at the quarterback, with the end being responsible for the pitch-man. It's a problem that pros don't face and is one more reason for disguise and sophistication.

To get some idea of defensive sophistication, it's best to begin with a quick look at modern-day nomenclature. A partial list would include the following:

Angle—direct diagonal charge, either to the inside or the outside.

Banjo—basic coverage term that refers to a free safety working the weak side against the pocket pass or weak-side action pass.

Bear—contain stunt executed by the strong safety.

Blue—defensive backs prerotated to the right.

Cloud—cornerback has flat zone on pass and contain on run.

Cover cover—overlapping coverage by the line-backer.

Eagle—five-man front with tackle lined up over offensive guard.

Elmer—change of responsibility between end and linebacker, the end responsible for the quarterback, the linebacker for the inside running game.

Five—predetermined five-under, two-deep zone coverage.

Forty—basic alignment with four down linemen and three linebackers.

Omaha—basic 40 defense with three-deep coverage.

R—stunt from the 60 alignment involving end and outside linebacker.

Railroad—changes direction of huddle call.

Red—defensive backs prerotated to the left.

Sky—strong safety has flat zone on pass and contains on run.

Sixty—six-man defensive front.

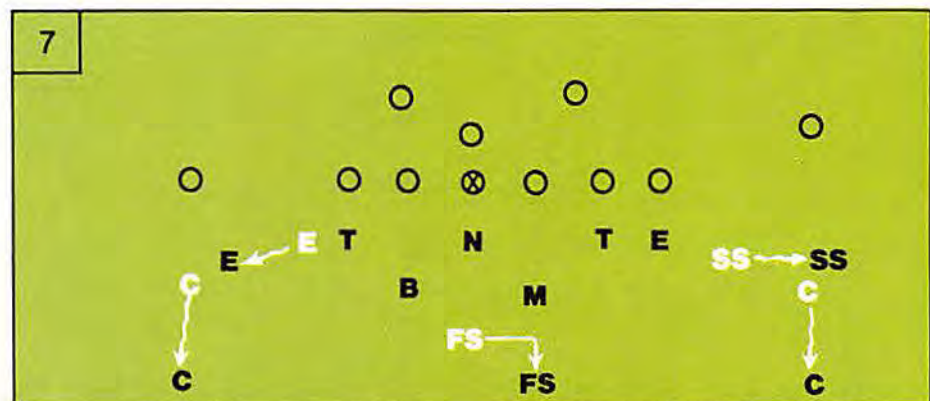
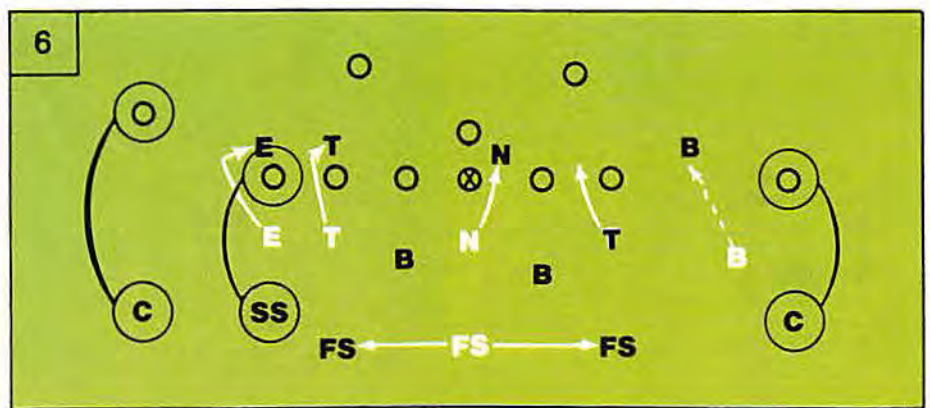
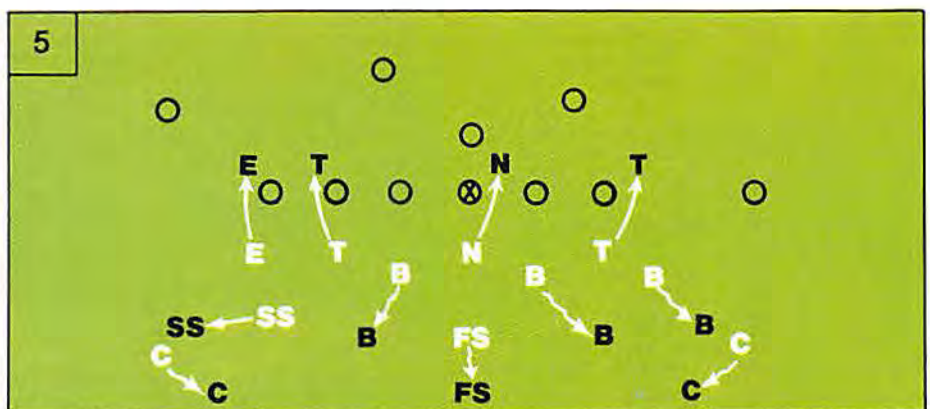
Sink—change of alignment from 40 to 60.

Slug—outside linebacker stunts into five-gap.

Stack—linebacker lines up behind defensive line-man.

Stem—moving from one defensive alignment to another.

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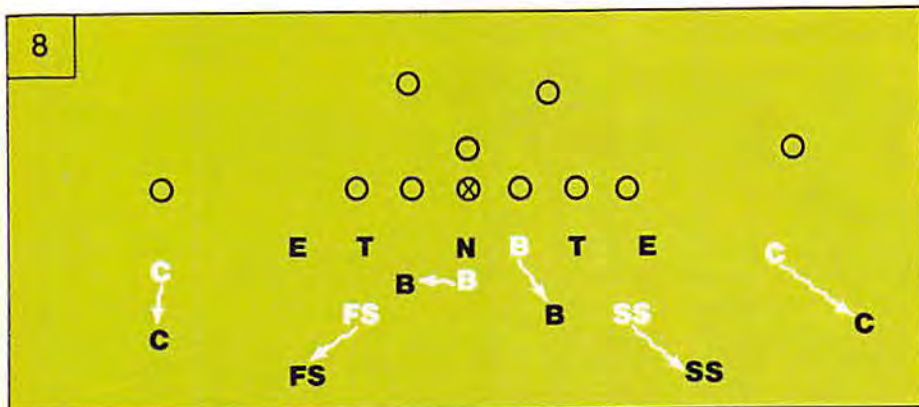
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One popular coverage is to pretend man-to-man, then go to a two-deep zone after showing blitz (diagram 8). In diagram 9 we see the shift from zone to man-to-man coverage. Diagrams 10 and 11 illustrate a couple of favorite LSU coverages.

(Deceiving Disguises continued)

Storm—stunt executed by outside linebacker from 60 alignment.

Ten—three-deep rotating zone defense.

Three—predetermined three-deep zone.

Thirty—three-man defensive line with four-linebacker alignment with extra middle linebacker substituting for tackle.

Tight—strong safety on tight end.

Two—designates linebacker drops, meaning pass strength is to split end side.

Two man—designates blitzing two linebackers in which safety covers to split end side, linebacker to tight end side.

Whip—safety to strength of formation.

Zero—nose tackle on center in 30 defense.

Let's return to the earlier example of defensive lingo. When the player calling signals for the secondary says "tight-three," it means the defense will wind up in three-deep coverage with the strong safety moving in position to take care of the tight end (diagram 1). Meanwhile, the call for the front, "Stem—tight—eagle—stack," tells you there will be movement in which a tackle would slide into a position across from the offensive guard, with the middle backer moving behind the nose guard and the end behind the tackle.

As necessary as it is to disguise your intentions, Bob Davie, a defensive assistant at Texas A&M, says, "It's also necessary not to get caught out of position when the ball is snapped.

"Disguising defenses has to become a coordinated movement, or you can be asking for trouble. It can't be something one player does with free-lance movement. With quarterbacks calling so many plays at the line and offensive linemen making calls for blocking schemes, last-second movement by the defense can be effective. A basic rule is to disguise without confusing yourself."

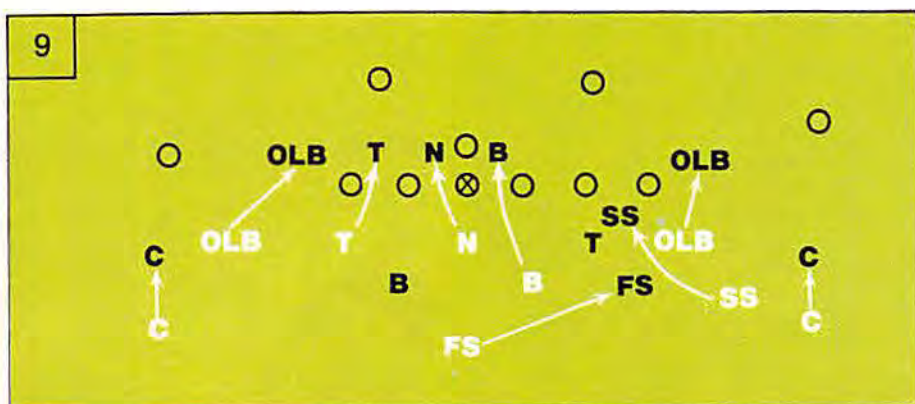
Davie likes to divide this into three areas. Perhaps the most common is to show the quarterback one zone coverage and, on the snap, go to another (diagram 2).

A second general area of disguise is to move your front late to confuse blocking schemes (diagram 3). "Usually," says Davie, "a linebacker will give the call so everyone moves at once."

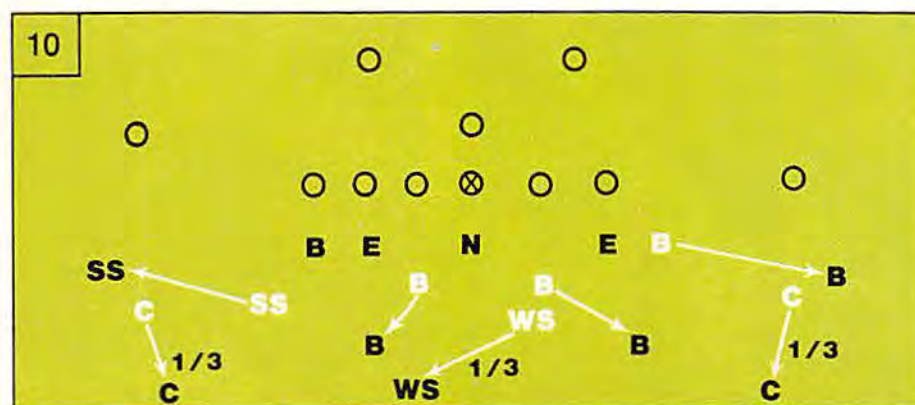
Finally, what can be unsettling to many quarterbacks is to have a defense show blitz, then drop back to defend (diagram 4).

It was this kind of thinking that seemed to confuse Vinny Testaverde when Miami lost to Penn State for the national championship in the Sunkist Fiesta Bowl game. How much new did Joe Paterno's Nit-

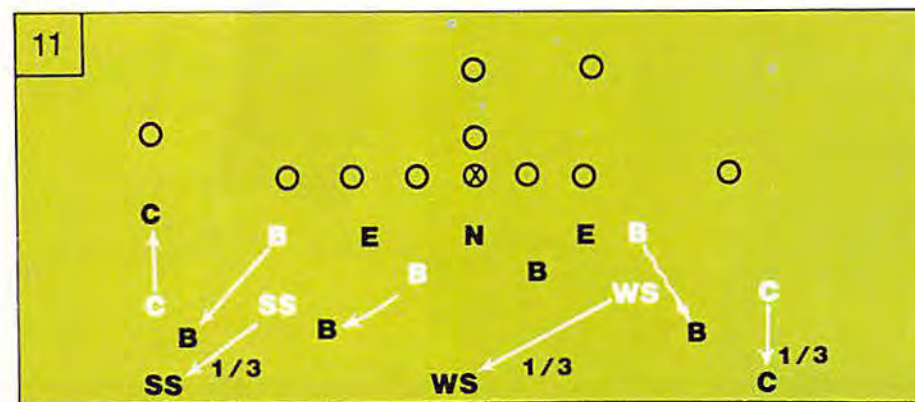
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tany Lions throw at the Heisman Trophy winner?

"Not as much as you might think," says Jerry Sandusky, who handles the defense for Paterno. "Our philosophy is wedded to the zone. We play little man. Ordinarily, we might use nine different types of zones over the course of the season. For Miami, we probably used a dozen because we had lots of time to prepare. But that's no big deal."

So why were the Lions, who intercepted five of Testaverde's passes, so successful?

"I think it was because of the rush we got from our three people upfront," says Sandusky. "They were able to apply some pressure and Testaverde had to hurry some of his throws. We used quite a bit of three-deep zone because we didn't want to give up the big play. Honestly, I can't say we showed him anything he hadn't seen before. More than anything, we strive for continuity."

At the University of Washington, Don James has built a reputation with teams best known for their consistent play on defense. "We like to have a base coverage and rotation predetermined," says James. "Our base coverage (diagram 5) is predetermined before the snap. We call it sky coverage because our strong safety takes care of the flat in the event of a pass, and he contains if it's a run. It's our most consistently used coverage by far. It sets up our man coverage because of the way we're trying to disguise. It also sets up our secondary stunts."

From virtually the same alignment, Washington can defend man-to-man (diagram 6). Says James, "We like this because we can still get a five-man rush, we can keep a weak safety free, and we're still in man coverage. We never ask our corner to force if he's playing a wide receiver."

A favorite ploy, explains Fazio, is allowing the quarterback to think he can beat the corners deep. "When they come to the line," says Fazio, "your presnap alignment can have your corners jamming the wide receivers (diagram 7). Then, during cadence, the corners can take a deep drop to take away the deep routes."

According to Fazio, another widely used scheme that can rattle quarterbacks is to line up in man-to-man coverage, show blitz, then drop into a two-deep zone (diagram 8). "Many times," says Fazio, "you can make the quarterback call an audible because he's expecting an all-out rush."

The flip side of the coin is to show the offense your normal pass zone alignment, leading the quarterback to believe you're in deep zone coverage. "On the snap," says Fazio, "you come up with the strong safety, the weak outside backer and a middle backer (diagram 9). As you do this, the corners come up quickly to play the wide receivers man-to-man, and the free safety comes over to cover the tight end."

Any coach will tell you the quality of the athlete can dictate what you do. At LSU, 33-year-old Mike Archer takes over as head coach after serving a three-year apprenticeship under Bill Arnsparger. Archer previously coached the defensive backs at the University of Miami under Howard Schnellenberger. "If you have a really outstanding athlete, you can play to his strength as you move people around," says Archer. "For example, if you have a linebacker like Michael Brooks, you can load up on the other side after the snap. On the other hand, if your right corner is weak, you can rotate the zone his way and give him support. The same would apply to a suspect linebacker or end. Just load up to their side. Still, you don't want to get caught out of position."

Nowadays, there are all kinds of mixtures of zone coverages. LSU has enjoyed success by rolling into zones—to either the strong side or weak side—from the same presnap alignments. The aim, obviously, is to create confusion in the mind of the quarterback, looking for a key as he retreats into the pocket.

LSU likes to show a two-deep alignment, then roll to zone to the tight end (or weak) side, depending on the situation. Diagram 10 shows the move to the strong side with the corners and weak safety each responsible for one-third of the deep area. Diagram 11 shows the roll to the weak side with the corner, strong safety and weak safety responsible for the deep zones.

Says Archer: "This type of defensive thinking has come to the fore in the last six years. And it stems from the pro influence. You want to get into as many different alignments as possible from the same presnap set. What you want to do is drive the quarterback nuts. If you do that, you're half the way home."

For Bobby Proctor, who has coached the defensive backfield at Oklahoma since 1973, the game of disguise comes down to "exposing a quarterback's weaknesses."

"It's always a victory for the defense when you force the offense to call timeout," says Proctor. "In our Orange Bowl game against Michigan (1976), we forced them to call two. We did it by keeping our corners deep, by exposing the flat, then walking them up as the ball was snapped."

Then there was a game with Nebraska a few years ago. "We had been covering the motion man with the strong safety," says Proctor. "When we started picking up the motion man, as he moved across, with the free safety, it created some confusion. That's always the aim: confusion. I saw the Fiesta Bowl film, and the Penn State linebackers did a tremendous job of giving Testaverde different looks. To do what they did, you've got to have experience as well as good athletes."

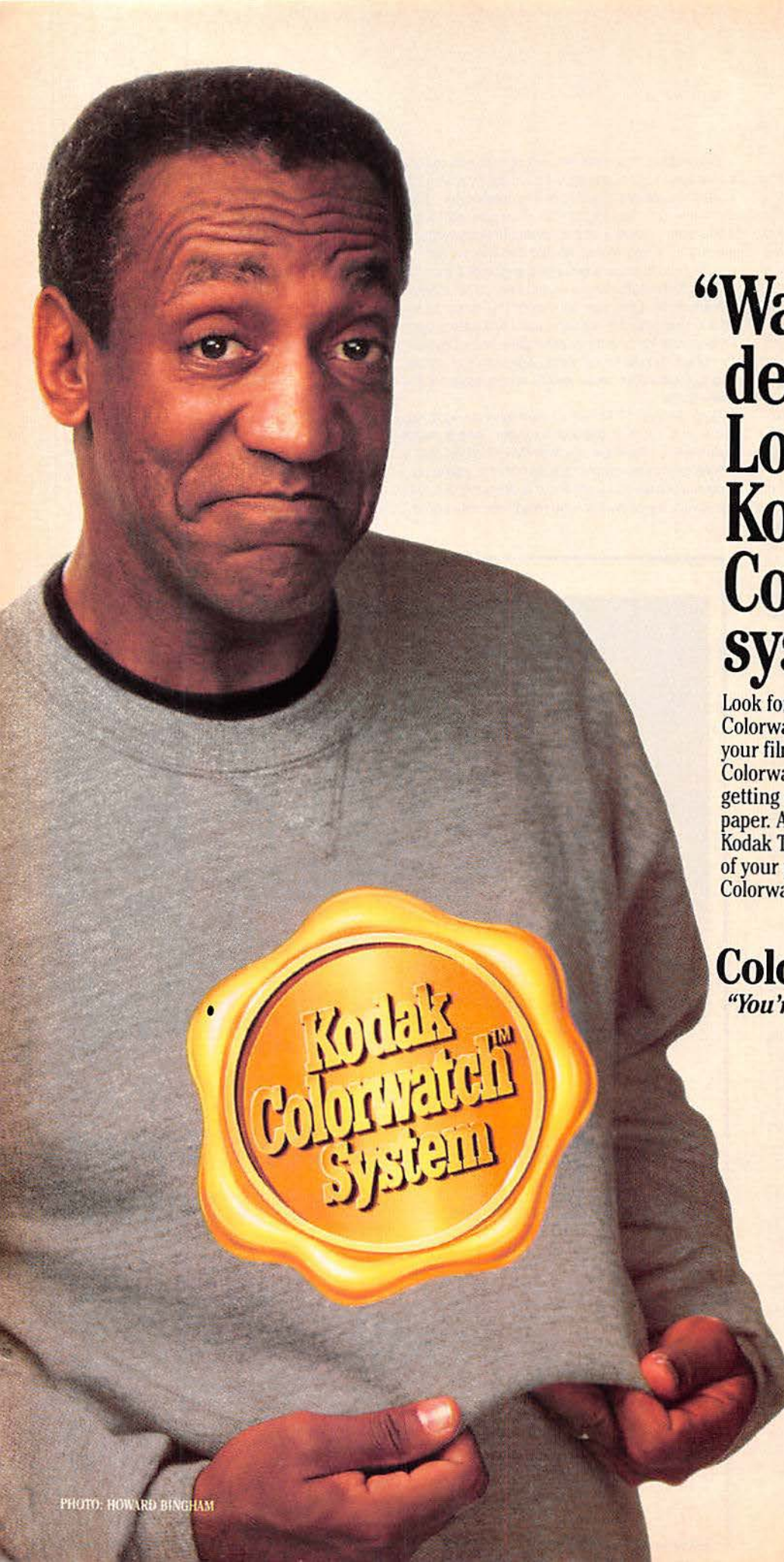
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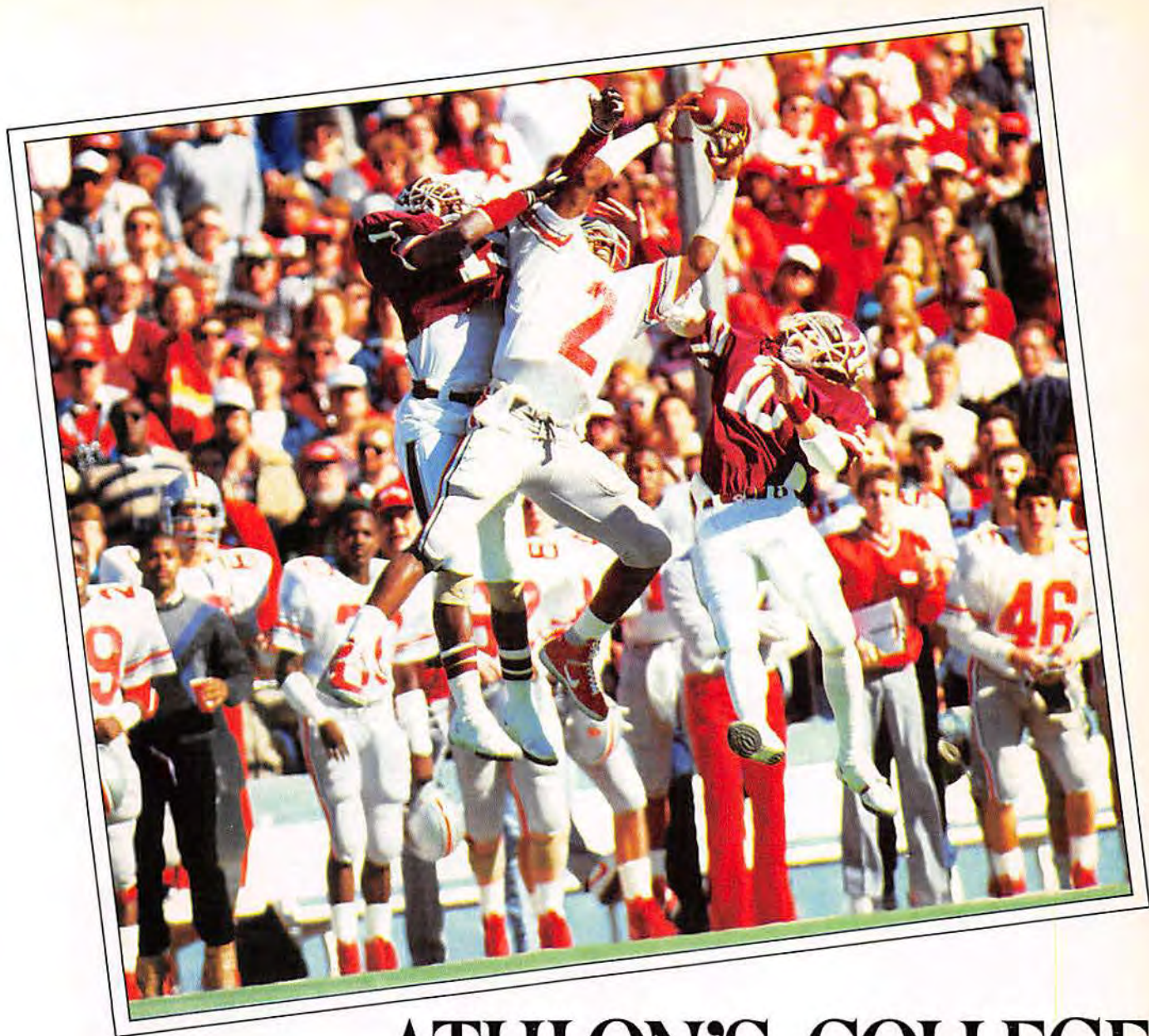
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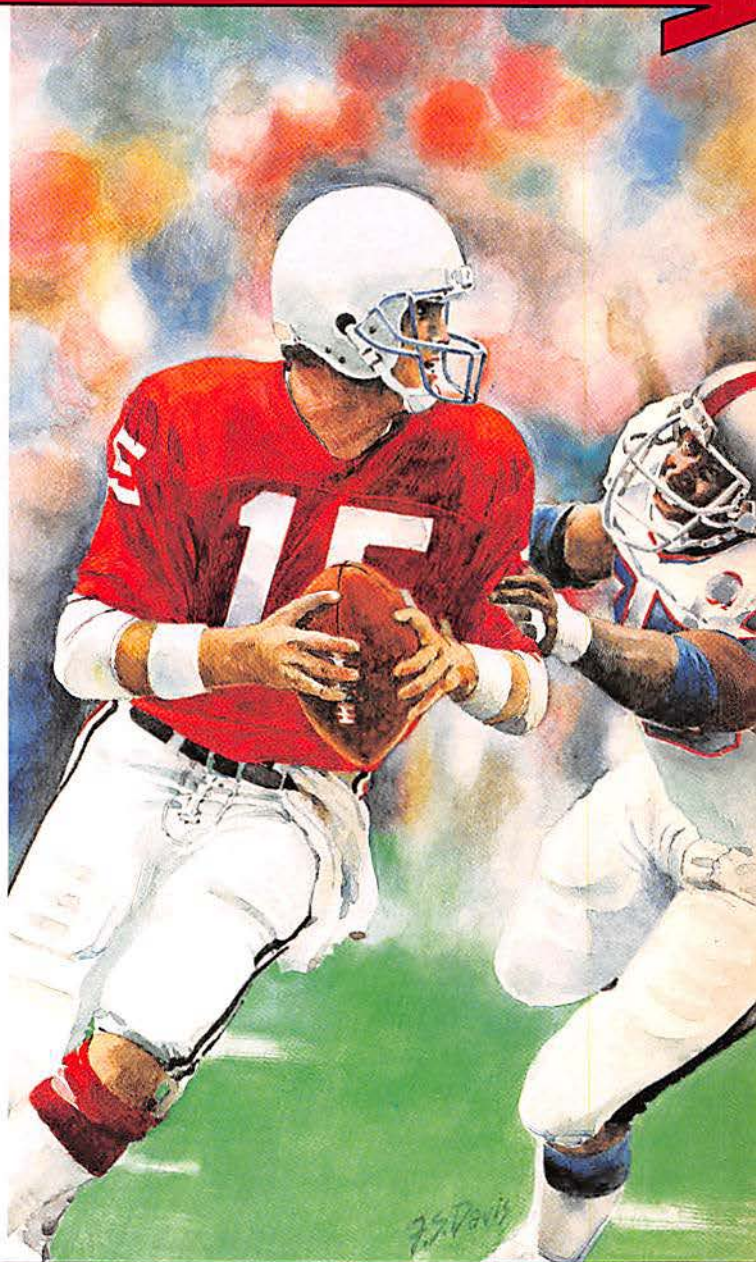
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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
17	Noble, Terry*	CB	5-9 155	Sr.	Somerville, NJ
6	O'Brien, Dan	QB	6-1 200	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
86	Ogle, Bill	TE	6-2 220	So.	Toledo, OH
64	Owens, Ervin*	OG	6-2 265	Sr.	Sandusky, OH
20	Perkins, Lee	CB	6-0 187	Sr.	Pascagoula, MS
91	Poirier, Phil	DT	6-1 230	So.	Sarnia, ON
18	Rhodes, Richard*	FS	6-2 200	Sr.	Lebanon, TN
48	Robinson, Donnie	OLB	6-0 215	Jr.	Pleasantville, NJ
80	Sanders, Steve	WR	6-1 195	Jr.	E. Cleveland, OH
96	Seasor, Jeff	ILB	6-0 215	Fr.	N. Ridgeville, OH
90	Sheffield, Art	OLB	6-1 210	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
14	Shine, Shandon	CB	5-10 175	Jr.	Lima, OH
22	Smith, Hollis	SS	6-4 190	Fr.	Ann Arbor, MI
	Somerville, Shon	DB	6-3 185	So.	Detroit, MI
99	Stewart, Andrew	DE	6-5 252	Jr.	W. Hempstead, NY
23	Strong, Terry	RB	5-10 185	Fr.	Flint, MI
59	Szabados, Tom*	DT	6-1 230	Jr.	Willoughby, OH
32	Tackett, Scott*	FB	6-1 205	Jr.	Ft. Mitchell, KY
7	Traut, Ron	ILB	6-0 215	So.	Elyria, OH
	Walker, Matt	DL	6-5 236	So.	Cincinnati, OH
31	Williams, Robert	FB	6-2 220	Sr.	Holland, OH

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (6); Kickers (1).

BEARCAT RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 267 Clem Turner vs. Kansas St., 1966
Season: 1367 Reggie Taylor, 1986
Career: 4242 Reggie Taylor, 1983-86

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 554 Greg Cook vs. Ohio U., 1968
Season: 3272 Greg Cook, 1968
Career: 4906 Greg Cook, 1966-68

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 13 Tom Rossley vs. Wichita St., 1968
Season: 80 Tom Rossley, 1968
Career: 108 Deno Foster, 1981-84

Longest Run: 91 Joe Miller vs. Xavier, 1953
Longest Pass: 95 Greg Cook to Tom Rossley vs. Louisville, 1968

Information provided by Tom Hathaway, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 5-6-0.

Head Coach: Dave Currey (Cincinnati record: 12-21-0; Overall record: 52-57-0), Cal. State-Los Angeles '66.

Off. Coordinator: Dave Nickel, Utah St. '65.

Def. Coordinator: Dave Ritchie, Cincinnati '61.

Offense: Multiple pro-set. Defense: Multiple 40.

All-Star Candidates: QB-Danny McCain, SE-Joe Hice, FS-John Lewis, DE-Chris Asbeck.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Arena, John	DL	6-4 245	N. Ridgeville, OH
Bush, Eric	TE	6-3 215	Elyria, OH
Cameron, Chris	DL	6-4 215	Elyria, OH
Castillo, Rick	CB	5-11 165	Whittier, CA
Cockrell, Johnathan	DB	5-9 160	Columbus, OH
Craig, Chris	TE	6-4 230	Toledo, OH
Davis, Chris	OL	6-1 255	Cincinnati, OH
Dyke, John	DL	6-3 232	Waverly, OH
Fink, David	OL	6-7 275	Ann Arbor, MI
*Granberg, Eric	LB	6-1 222	Renton, WV
*Hoke, Kevin	LB	6-2 225	Santa Maria, CA
Hoog, Don	QB	6-3 205	Brookville, IN
Hoog, Doug	WR	5-10 180	Brookville, IN
Humphrey, Wilson	LB	6-3 215	Youngstown, OH
Hunter, Dwayne	RB	5-10 170	Cincinnati, OH
Johnson, Richard	OL	6-5 250	Cleveland, OH
Jones, Travis	DB	6-0 170	Youngstown, OH
Kintz, Craig	OL	6-5 250	Canton, OH
*Matthews, Tom	DT	6-2 248	Fullerton, CA
McCarthy, Sean	OL	6-5 245	Cincinnati, OH
Mitchell, Ed	RB	5-10 237	No. Versailles, PA
O'Quinn, John	OL	6-3 255	Toledo, OH
Powers, Steve	LB	6-4 210	Ann Arbor, MI
Rollins, Mike	DB	5-10 180	Richmond, VA
*Sawaya, Fouad	DE	6-4 237	S.J. Capistrano, CA
Schell, Mick	LB	5-11 225	Sandusky, OH
Smith, Kevin	OL	6-5 250	Wexford, PA
Stroh, Kyle	LB	6-3 220	Wapakoneta, OH
Tatum, Bill	DL	6-6 235	Cincinnati, OH
Thomas, Carlton	RB	5-11 180	Lima, OH
Thornton, John	LB	6-3 230	Flint, MI
Williams, Corey	DB	6-1 175	Elyria, OH
*Williams, Jimmy	OG	6-2 242	Fayetteville, NC
Wortman, Vince	DB	6-2 180	Ann Arbor, MI
Zawie, Greg	OL	6-3 240	Cleveland, OH

* denotes junior college transfer

ILLINOIS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
96	Agee, Mel	DE	6-4 267	Fr.	Chicago, IL
93	Blondell, Jim*	NT	6-1 258	Sr.	Glenview, IL
46	Bourke, Tim	LB	6-1 234	Fr.	Chicago, IL
21	Bowlay-Williams, V.	RB	5-11 208	Jr.	Selden, NY
22	Boysaw, Greg	DB	6-1 200	So.	Champaign, IL
99	Burchfield, Brian	DE	6-5 249	So.	Indianapolis, IN
89	Campos, Lou	LB	6-3 215	Sr.	Chicago, IL
7	Cobb, Glenn	DB	6-0 195	Jr.	Pasadena, CA
45	Collins, Jim	FB	5-11 222	Fr.	Washington Pk., IL
90	Davis, Scott*	DE	6-7 268	Sr.	Plainfield, IL
5	Dawson, Bobby	DB	5-10 209	Sr.	Sacramento, CA
72	Doolittle, Arael*	OT	6-4 300	Sr.	Abilene, TX
34	Ellsworth, Sam*	LB	6-2 239	Sr.	Urbana, IL
87	Finke, Jeff	TE	6-6 210	Fr.	Casey, IL
32	Fisher, Leon	DB	5-11 177	So.	St. Louis, MO
86	Fit, Stan	WR	6-2 191	Jr.	Chicago, IL
95	Gardner, Morris	DE	6-3 244	Fr.	Indianapolis, IN
41	Glasson, Steve*	LB	6-3 224	So.	Palos Hills, IL
11	Gordon, James	WR	6-0 184	Sr.	San Francisco, CA
24	Grant, African*	DB	6-0 198	Sr.	Englewood, NJ
33	Green, Chris	DB	5-11 179	Fr.	Lawrenceburg, IN
62	Gregus, Kurt	LB	6-0 218	So.	Hickory Hills, IL
57	Guard, Jason*	LB	6-2 230	So.	Lawrenceburg, IN
25	Hamner, Jerry	DB	5-11 189	Fr.	Charleston, IL
66	Harbour, Dave*	C	6-4 251	Sr.	St. Charles, IL
79	James, Brad	OT	6-5 274	Fr.	Joliet, IL
36	Jones, Keith*	FB	6-2 209	Jr.	Rock Hill, MO
9	Jordan, Stephan	DB	5-9 189	Jr.	Sacramento, CA
49	Jungmans, Brian	K	5-11 174	So.	Normal, IL
37	Kelly, Mark	DB	6-1 188	Jr.	Chicago, IL
47	Little, Chad*	P	6-1 211	Sr.	Champaign, IL
54	Lovelace, Curt	C	6-3 257	Fr.	Quincy, IL
44	Markland, Jeff*	FB	6-3 245	Sr.	Los Angeles, CA
28	McClellan, Lynn	RB	5-10 190	Jr.	Rialto, CA
64	McGowan, Mark	OT	6-4 267	Jr.	Evergreen Park, IL
12	Menkhausen, B.*	QB	6-4 203	So.	Hazelwood, MO
80	Michel, Chris	TE	6-4 222	Jr.	St. Charles, IL
14	Mohr, Scott	QB	6-4 222	Jr.	Eugene, OR
15	Moore, Craig	DB	5-11 195	Sr.	San Francisco, CA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
10	Ondrula, Chris	QB	6-2 193	Fr.	Springfield, IL
20	Parker, Quintin	FB	6-1 188	So.	St. Louis, MO
78	Pedersen, Ed	OT	6-6 270	Fr.	De Kalb, IL
75	Piel, Mike*	DE	6-4 256	Sr.	El Toro, CA
61	Postmus, Dave	OG	6-3 269	Fr.	Palos Park, IL
70	Schertz, Tom*	OT	6-5 265	Sr.	Tiskilwa, IL
68	Schneider, Craig	OT	6-4 270	So.	St. Charles, MO
55	Scully, Mike	C	6-5 267	Jr.	Mt. Prospect, IL
35	Shaw, Stephen	RB	6-0 213	Jr.	Santa Ana, CA
40	Siambekos, Chris*	K	6-2 188	So.	La Grange Park, IL
74	Skubisz, Joe	OT	6-4 258	So.	Lansing, IL
4	Taylor, Keith*	DB	6-0 193	Sr.	Pennsauken, NJ
6	Thomas, Ken	RB	5-10 180	Jr.	Milledgeville, GA
39	Turner, Greg	RB	5-11 208	Jr.	Galesburg, IL
8	Usher, Darryl	WR	5-8 168	Sr.	San Mateo, CA
42	Wachter, John*	LB	6-3 224	So.	Wheaton, IL
92	Wallner, Neil	NT	6-2 223	Sr.	Mission Viejo, CA
17	Wardell, Roosevelt	DB	5-9 193	Jr.	Stockton, CA
88	Wax, Shawn	WR	6-4 171	Fr.	Rockford, IL
84	Williams, Anthony*	TE	6-2 247	Sr.	New Orleans, LA
1	Williams, Steven	WR	5-9 160	Jr.	Los Angeles, CA

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (9); Kickers (2).

FIGHTING ILLINI RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 239 Jim Grabowski vs. Wisconsin, 1964
Season: 1258 Jim Grabowski, 1965
Career: 2828 Thomas Rooks, 1982-85

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 621 Dave Wilson vs. Ohio St., 1980
Season: 3360 Tony Eason, 1981
Career: 8146 Jack Trudeau, 1981-85

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 16 David Williams vs. Purdue, 1985
Season: 101 David Williams, 1984
Career: 245 David Williams, 1983-1985

Longest Run: 93 Claude "Buddy" Young vs. Great Lakes, 1944
Longest Pass: 90 Mike Taliaferro to Mike Yavorski vs. Ohio St., 1962

Information provided by Tab Bennett, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 4-7-0; 3-5-0 T8th Big Ten.

Head Coach: Mike White (Illinois record: 44-34-2; Overall record: 79-64-3), Univ. of California-Berkeley '58.

Offensive Coordinator: Dwain Painter

Defensive Coordinator: Howard Tippet

Offense: Pro set. Defense: 34 or 43.

All-Star Candidates: DB-Bobby Dawson, LB-Sam

Ellsworth, LB-Steven Glasston, DE-Scott

Davis, FB-Keith Jones.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Amaya, Doug	TE-LB	6-3 209	Oak Park, IL
*Bellamy, Mike	WR	6-2 195	Chicago, IL
Bowlay-Williams, V.	RB	5-11 208	Selden, NY
Brice, Romero	LB	6-4 215	New Orleans, LA
Brown, Jyulyn	LB	5-5 205	E. St. Louis, IL
Brownlow, Darrick	LB	5-11 215	Indianapolis, IN
*Cobb, Glenn	DB	6-1 195	Pasadena, CA
Collins, Linzy	WR	6-2 165	St. Louis, MO
*Conrad, Greg	DE	6-4 230	Laguna Bch., CA
Davenport, Kirk	RB	5-11 185	New Orleans, LA
*Donovan, Dan	TE	6-4 220	Cerritos, CA
Gustafsson, Jon	NT	6-5 260	Arlington Hgts., IL
Henkel, Bill	LB	6-3 215	Decatur, IL
*Jordan, Stephen	DB	5-11 195	Sacramento, CA
Laster, Tony	DL	6-5 245	Carbondale, IL
McGrone, Bryan	LB	6-3 200	Terre Haute, IN
*Mohr, Scott	QB	6-4 225	Eugene, OR
Palma, Gus	WR	6-2 190	Bellport, NY
Poloskey, Mike	DL	6-2 230	Joliet, IL
Thomas, Marlon	DB	6-4 198	Carson, CA
Shaffer, Jim	LB	6-3 225	De Kalb, IL
*Shaw, Steve	RB	6-2 225	Santa Ana, CA
*Silva, Dave	WR	5-10 175	Sacramento, CA
Simpson, Tim	L	6-3 260	E. Peoria, IL
Streeter, Sean	LB	6-4 260	Chicago, IL
*Thomas, Ken	RB	5-10 180	Milledgeville, GA
Turner, Elbert	WR	6-1 160	Gary, IN
*Wardell, Roosevelt	DB	5-11 200	Stockton, CA
Zitnik, Mark	DL	6-3 235	Orland Park, IL

* denotes junior college transfer

INDIANA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
83	Allen, Ken*	WR	5-11 177	Sr.	Houston, TX
81	Bates, Willie*	LB	6-2 219	Sr.	Chester, PA
55	Bauer, Dan*	NG	6-3 242	Jr.	Beech Grove, IN
43	Boggan, Dan	TB	6-3 215	So.	Lansing, MI
30	Boyd, Gene	FB	6-2 225	Jr.	Zionsville, IN
8	Buford, Tony*	WR	5-11 168	Sr.	Aurora, IL
40	Bush, Darren	LB	6-2 223	Jr.	Massillon, OH
6	Coleman, Erick*	CB	6-1 183	Sr.	Harvey, IL
97	Daniels, Derrick	OLB	6-1 200	Sr.	Chicago, IL
65	Dedic, Joe	G	6-4 273	Sr.	Casper, WY
13	Dewitz, Brian	FS	6-0 188	Sr.	Massillon, OH
71	Dykstra, Phil	T	6-4 262	Sr.	Demotte, IN
21	Ferry, Marc	CB	6-3 198	Sr.	Whiting, IN
63	Finney, Brian	C	6-2 264	Sr.	Buffalo Grove, IL
66	Francis, Jack	G	6-4 240	Jr.	Buena Park, CA
91	Fryar, Jeff	OT	6-5 272	Sr.	Indianapolis, IN
84	Gooden, Gary	WR	6-1 173	Jr.	Brooklyn, NY
88	Grant, Trent	OLB	6-2 220	Sr.	Pacific, CA
42	Hall, Andre	CB	6-0 184	Sr.	Flint, MI
95	Harris, Walt	DT	6-4 258	Sr.	Detroit, MI
92	Harrison, Nolan	DT	6-6 235	So.	Homewood, IL
35	Huff, Joe*	OLB	6-1 225	Sr.	Newburgh, IN
24	Jackson, Derrick	DB	6-2 176	So.	Ft. Myers, FL
27	Jones, Ernie*	WR	6-0 186	Sr.	Elkhart, IN
86	Jorden, Tim	TE	6-3 228	Jr.	West Chester, OH
61	Kelly, Kevin	LB	5-10 198	Sr.	Barrington, IL
14	Kramme, Dave*	QB	6-1 209	Sr.	Elmhurst, IL
26	Lunde, Greg	DB	6-3 196	So.	Chillicothe, OH
49	Luther, Larry*	LB	6-1 216	Sr.	South Bend, IN
23	Mabe, Andy	DB	6-1 190	Jr.	Mundelein, IL
85	Malott, Lance	OLB	6-4 221	Jr.	Peru, IN
94	Marte, Carlos	TE	6-4 225	Sr.	Bronx, NY
57	Mitchell, Brad*	LB	6-2 222	Sr.	South Holland, IL
53	Money, Brad	LB	6-2 211	Jr.	Midland, MI
75	Moore, Eric*	T	6-7 280	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
93	O'Malley, Marc	DT	6-4 250	So.	Oak Forest, IL
60	Piercy, Dan	OLB	6-2 200	Sr.	Bloomington, IN
34	Polce, Tom*	FB	6-1 229	Sr.	Aliquippa, PA
31	Powell, Andre	FB	6-1 225	Sr.	Sharon, SC

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
52	Poyle, Geoff	C	6-0 254	Jr.	Elyria, OH
64	Radtke, Tim*	G	6-2 265	Sr.	Chicago, IL
37	Rydzewski, Rob	LB	6-2 213	Sr.	Grafton, WI
58	Sams, James	DT	6-4 240	Jr.	Forest City, IA
87	Saunders, Terence	TE	6-5 239	Jr.	Mt. Clemens, MI
54	Schlereth, Doug*	QB	6-3 251	Jr.	Biddeford, ME
11	Schnell, Dave	QB	6-2 214	Jr.	Elkhart, IN
19	Shields, Brad	TE	6-3 206	Jr.	Martinsville, IN
77	Shrader, Don*	G	6-2 274	Sr.	Worth, IL
70	Simmons, Joe	T	6-6 250	So.	Chester, PA
73	Simons, Chris	T	6-5 273	Sr.	Belvidere, IL
10	Stoyanovich, Pete*	K	6-0 172	Jr.	Dearborn Hgts., MI
12	Stryzinski, Daniel*	P	6-2 193	Sr.	Vincennes, IN
32	Thompson, A.*	TB	6-0 202	So.	Terre Haute, IN
59	Van Slyke, James	C	6-1 223	Sr.	Crown Point, IN
50	Vargo, Ron	C	6-2 258	Jr.	Akron, OH
48	Waiters, Van*	OLB	6-4 231	Sr.	Coral Gables, FL
5	Washington, Spud	WR	5-8 172	Sr.	Berkeley, CA
90	Watercutter, Dave	NG	6-0 224	So.	Ft. Wayne, IN
33	Way, Barry	TB	5-11 197	Jr.	Lawrenceburg, IN
16	Ziegler, Joe	CB	5-9 170	So.	Miami, FL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (9); Defense (8); Kickers (2).

HOOSIER RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 237 Lonnie Johnson vs. Illinois, 1980
Season: 1254 Courtney Snyder, 1974
Career: 3257 Mike Harkrader, 1976, 1978-80

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 390 Babe Laufenberg vs. Iowa, 1982
Season: 2544 Steve Bradley, 1984
Career: 4842 Steve Bradley, 1983-1985

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 11 Keith Calvin vs. Michigan St., 1977
Season: 55 Ken Allen, 1985
Career: 121 Keith Calvin, 1974-77

Longest Run: 98 Mickey Erehart vs. Iowa, 1912
Longest Pass: 91 Lou D'Achille to Bob Robertson vs. Iowa, 1950

Information provided by Kit Klingehoffer, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 6-6-0, 3-5-0 T6th Big Ten.
Head Coach: Bill Mallory (Indiana record: 10-24-0;
Overall record: 109-76-1), Miami of Ohio '57
Offensive Coordinator: George Belu, Ohio University '61.
Defensive Coordinator: Joe Novak, Miami of Ohio '67.
Offense: I-formation. **Defense:** 5-2-4.
All-Star Candidates: OLB-Van Waiters, T-Eric Moore, TB-Anthony Thompson, P-Dan Stryzinski, K-Pete Stoyanovich.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Belden, Bo	LB	6-2 215	Carmel, IN
*Bolyard, Tom	QB	6-3 195	Orville, OH
Brown, Mike	DB	6-2 185	Bunker Hill, IN
Dumas, Mike	DB	6-0 160	Alto, MI
Dunbar, Vaughn	TB	6-0 190	Ft. Wayne, IN
*Francis, Jack	G	6-4 240	Buena Park, CA
Hagen, Mark	LB	6-3 220	Carmel, IN
Hanson, Tom	TE	6-5 220	Hammond, IN
Hofmeier, Chris	T	6-4 255	Cincinnati, OH
Imes, Andy	LB	6-2 210	Indianapolis, IN
Keenoy, Tom	OLB	6-4 210	Lansing, MI
Kemp, Dane	DT	6-7 290	Lansing, MI
Mason, Troy	DB	6-1 185	St. Albans, NY
Mays, Derrick	WR	5-10 165	Palmetto, FL
Montoya, Scott	DT	6-6 230	Brownburg, IN
Newell, Mark	DB	5-11 165	Columbus, IN
*Oberdorf, Todd	T	6-6 290	Fairfield, OH
Pilson, Jamie	FB	6-1 220	Mattoon, IL
*Sams, James	DT	6-4 240	Forest City, IA
Schneider, Randy	T	6-5 240	Mishawaka, IN
Spencer, Dan	TE	6-5 225	Valparaiso, IN
Summerall, Jim	LB	6-0 205	Lauderhill, FL
Thomas, Eddie	WR	5-11 180	Ft. Knox, KY
Trinter, Phil	T	6-6 235	Lorain, OH
Turner, Rob	WR	5-11 175	Indianapolis, IN
Walker, Todd	OLB	6-4 215	Springfield, OH
Williams, Paul	DB	6-2 205	Dayton, OH

* denotes junior college transfer

IOWA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
12	Adams, Mark	P	6-0 199	Jr.	Clinton, UT
55	Alexander, Dave	OL	6-3 265	Sr.	Sterling, IL
50	Anderson, Bill	OL	6-3 240	Jr.	Columbia Hgts., MN
68	Anderson, Tim	DL	6-5 250	Sr.	Webster City, IA
23	Bass, Richard*	FB	5-9 210	Jr.	Omaha, NE
93	Batterson, Tim	LB	6-3 220	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
13	Bayless, Rick*	RB	6-0 200	Sr.	Hugo, MN
34	Beacom, Tom	LB	6-3 210	So.	Winnetka, IL
92	Beard, Jeff	DE	6-2 225	Sr.	Iowa City, IA
48	Berrie, Tyrone	DE	6-2 217	Sr.	Mt. Vernon, NY
	Blount, Ross	P	6-1 174	Jr.	Des Moines, IA
5	Burke, Mike	DE	6-5 225	Sr.	Davenport, IA
3	Burt, Kerry*	DB	6-1 207	Sr.	Waterloo, IA
49	Clark, Craig	TE	6-3 228	Sr.	Columbus Jct., IA
96	Collins, Mike	DE	6-2 215	So.	Pleasantville, IA
84	Cook, Marv	TE	6-4 232	Sr.	West Branch, IA
25	Cotton, Marshall	FB	6-0 218	Sr.	Davenport, IA
63	Croston, Jeff	OL	6-4 250	Jr.	Sioux City, IA
38	Davis, Chet	RB	5-10 180	Jr.	Rego Park, NY
58	Divis, Greg	OL	6-3 255	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
1	Early, Quinn*	WR	6-0 175	Sr.	Great Neck, NY
61	Ertz, Mike	DE	6-4 230	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
86	Flagg, Mike*	TE	6-6 244	Sr.	Cedar Falls, IA
66	Foster, Melvin	LB	6-3 220	So.	Houston, TX
30	Goodman, Grant	RB	6-2 225	Sr.	W. Des Moines, IA
64	Haight, Dave*	DL	6-3 260	Sr.	Dyersville, IA
16	Harberts, Deven	WR	5-11 180	Jr.	Walnut, IA
28	Harmon, Kevin	RB	6-0 195	Sr.	Laurelton, NY
8	Hartlieb, Chuck	QB	6-3 205	Sr.	Woodstock, IL
7	Houghtlin, Rob*	K	6-0 169	Sr.	Glenview, IL
20	Hudson, David	FB	6-2 230	Sr.	Waxahachie, TX
77	Keppy, Myron	DL	6-3 255	Sr.	Durant, IA
56	Kluser, Todd	OL	6-2 248	So.	Ankeny, IA
51	Koeppel, Jeff	DL	6-2 245	So.	Urbandale, IA
70	Kratch, Bob*	OL	6-4 270	Sr.	Mahwah, NJ
81	Loveless, Derrius	WR	5-11 180	Jr.	Waterloo, IA
26	Marciano, Peter	WR	5-9 165	Jr.	Brockton, MA
47	Mauro, Jim*	WR	6-1 182	Sr.	Des Moines, IA
40	Mazzeri, Marc	WR	6-3 205	Jr.	Park Ridge, IL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
11	McGwire, Dan	QB	6-8 218	So.	Claremont, CA
69	Miller, Mike	OL	6-5 250	So.	Plainfield, IL
97	Mott, Joe*	DE	6-4 225	Sr.	Endicott, NY
6	Murphy, George	K	5-9 158	Jr.	Greenwood, SC
14	Poholsky, Tom	QB	6-4 205	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
32	Puk, J.J.	LB	6-3 212	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
35	Quest, Brad*	LB	6-2 225	So.	Des Plaines, IL
95	Reilly, Jim	LB	6-2 215	Jr.	Dubuque, IA
90	Ridley, Sean	DE	6-3 218	Jr.	Omaha, NE
33	Ringer, Kevin	RB	5-9 190	Sr.	Dayton, OH
72	Schuster, Joe	DL	6-5 260	Sr.	Faribault, MN
22	Sistrunk, Dwight	DB	6-1 183	Sr.	Dayton, OH
44	Smiley, Keaton*	DB	6-0 175	Jr.	Duncanville, TX
41	Stoops, Mark	DB	5-11 170	Jr.	Youngstown, OH
52	Thomas, Steve	DL	6-1 270	Sr.	Denver, CO
43	Thompson, Kent	DB	6-0 173	Jr.	Urbandale, IA
2	Watkins, Travis	WR	6-1 180	So.	Claremont, CA
73	Wester, Herb*	OL	6-8 285	Sr.	Nashua, NH
46	Wirth, Dan	LB	6-4 236	Sr.	Des Moines, IA
10	Wright, Anthony	DB	5-10 175	Jr.	Dallas, TX
17	Wright, Doug	QB	6-0 173	So.	Ft. Madison, IA

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (5); Kickers (1).

HAWKEYE RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 286 Ed Podolak vs. Northwestern, 1968
Season: 1,267 Dennis Mosley, 1979
Career: 2,556 Owen Gill, 1981-84

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 461 Chuck Long vs. Texas, 1984
Season: 3,297 Chuck Long, 1985
Career: 10,461 Chuck Long, 1981-1985

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 12 Al Bream vs. Illinois, 1967
Season: 12 Keith Chappelle vs. Illinois, 1980
Career: 64 Keith Chappelle, 1980

Longest Run: 96 Eddie Vincent vs. Purdue, 1954
Longest Pass: 93 Mark Vlasic to Quinn Early vs. Northwestern, 1986

Information provided by George Wine, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 9-3-0, 5-3-0 T3rd Big Ten.
Head Coach: Hayden Fry (Iowa record: 61-33-1;
Overall record: 150-122-5), Baylor '51.
Offensive Coordinator: Bill Snyder, William Jewell College, '63.
Defensive Coordinator: Bill Brashier, North Texas State, '51.
Offense: Multiple. **Defense:** 5-2.
All-Star Candidates: RB-Rick Bayless, DL-Dave Haight, K-Rob Houghtlin, OL-Bob Kratch, TE-Mike Flagg.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
*Adams, Mark	P	6-1 195	Clinton, UT
Baxley, Rob	OL	6-5 230	Oswego, IL
Christensen, Matt	LB-DE	6-2 220	Des Moines, IA
Clark, Gary	DB	6-0 185	University City, MO
Cotton, Curtis	DB	6-1 195	Omaha, NE
Derby, John	LB-DE	6-2 225	Oconomowoc, WI
Geater, Ron	DL	6-6 250	Marion, IA
*Hawthorne, George	OL	6-7 275	Chicago, IL
Moeller, Bob	OL	6-6 235	Fenton, MO
O'Brien, Jamie	DL	6-4 245	Eagan, MN
Pipkins, Jerome	DB	6-1 195	Dallas, TX
Polly, Eddie	DB	6-0 185	Oklahoma City, OK
Rodgers, Matt	QB	6-4 195	Walpole, MA
Santos, Moses	DL	6-4 235	Hempstead, NY
Saunders, Mike	B	6-1 185	Milton, WI
Scott, Doug	FB-DE	6-4 230	Iowa City, IA
Simpson, Evan	L	6-2 315	Omaha, NE
Skillet, Jeff	K	6-4 195	Silvis, IL
Smith, Leroy	B	6-2 210	Sicklerville, NJ
Turner, Dave	L	6-4 245	Clinton, IA
Wise, Brian	B	6-2 205	Tinley Park, IL

* denotes junior college transfer



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
24	Abrams, Bobby	DB	6-4 200	Jr.	Detroit, MI
15	Arnold, David	DB	6-3 196	Jr.	Warren, OH
10	Bishop, Allen	DB	5-10 185	Sr.	Miami, FL
42	Boles, Tony	RB	6-2 195	So.	Westland, MI
68	Borowski, Andy	C	6-4 258	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
99	Bostic, Carlos	OLB	6-2 231	Sr.	Ypsilanti, MI
6	Brown, Demetrius	QB	6-1 190	Jr.	Miami, FL
80	Brown, Jeffrey*	TE	6-4 224	Jr.	Shaker Heights, OH
39	Bunch, Jarrod	TB	6-2 214	So.	Ashtabula, OH
2	Calloway, Chris	WR	5-10 170	So.	Chicago, IL
5	Campbell, Erik*	DB	5-10 171	Sr.	Gary, IN
64	Chester, Dave	OG	6-2 255	Sr.	Titusville, FL
92	Cooper, Keith	OLB	6-2 216	Jr.	Detroit, MI
76	Dames, Michael*	OG	6-2 258	Sr.	Miami, FL
73	Dever, Dave	OT	6-4 264	Sr.	Midland, MI
70	Dohring, Tom	OT	6-7 230	So.	Dearborn, MI
72	Elliott, John*	OT	6-7 306	Sr.	L.Ronkonkoma, NY
90	Erhardt, Mark	OT	6-6 270	Sr.	N. Olmsted, OH
93	Folkertsma, David*	DT	6-5 263	Sr.	Grand Rapids, MI
19	Gillette, Mike*	K-P	6-1 185	Jr.	St. Joseph, MI
95	Grant, J. J.	ILB	6-1 237	Jr.	Liverpool, NY
56	Harris, Billy*	MG	6-0 270	Sr.	Xenia, OH
25	Hassel, Rick	DB	6-0 191	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
96	Herrmann, John	DT	6-4 255	Jr.	Sussex, WI
33	Hoard, Leroy	FB	6-0 215	So.	New Orleans, LA
97	Holland, Joseph	OLB	6-3 216	Jr.	Birmingham, MI
48	Holloway, Ernie	TB	5-10 199	Sr.	Detroit, MI
74	Husar, Mike*	OT	6-3 289	Sr.	Chicago, IL
28	Jefferson, Allen	TB	6-2 205	So.	Detroit, MI
40	Kolesar, John*	FL	6-0 188	Jr.	Westlake, OH
34	LaFountain, Sean	DB	6-0 186	Jr.	Dearborn, MI
8	Mallory, Doug*	DB	6-1 194	Sr.	DeKalb, IL
54	McIntyre, Andree*	ILB	6-1 241	Sr.	Chicago, IL
1	McMurtry, Greg*	FL	6-3 200	So.	Brockton, MA
60	Messner, Mark*	DT	6-3 248	Sr.	Hartland, MI
20	Mitchell, Anthony	DB	5-11 176	Jr.	Titusville, FL
90	Mitchell, Keith	TE	6-4 235	Jr.	Southgate, MI
23	Morris, Jamie*	TB	5-7 179	Sr.	Ayer, MA
38	Mouton, Ken	DB	6-0 200	Sr.	Naples, FL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
30	Ogunfidimi, Olatide	WR	6-0 180	Jr.	Washington, DC
71	Olzewski, Pat	OT	6-8 272	Jr.	Conyers, GA
61	Plantz, John	OT	6-5 264	Jr.	Chicago, IL
43	Robbins, Monte*	P	6-4 202	Sr.	Great Bend, KS
29	Schulte, Tim	OLB	6-3 211	Sr.	Villa Hills, KY
55	Spencer, Marc	LB	6-5 238	So.	Troy, MI
7	Sutkiewicz, Rick	K	6-3 209	Sr.	Troy, MI
9	Taylor, Michael	QB	6-1 197	Jr.	Lincoln Hgts., OH
83	Teeter, Mike	LB-TE	6-4 240	So.	Fruitport, MI
86	Thibert, Steve	OLB	6-5 240	Sr.	Union Lake, MI
67	Vitale, John*	C	6-1 289	Sr.	Detroit, MI
89	Walker, Derrick	TE	6-1 230	Jr.	Glenwood, IL
81	Walker, Trey	TE-P	6-5 220	So.	Bradenton, FL
46	Webb, Phil	TB	6-1 202	Sr.	Romeo, MI
50	Weil, David	OG	6-4 253	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
88	White, Brent	DT	6-5 227	Jr.	Dayton, OH
36	Williams, Tracy	TB	6-0 200	So.	Sarasota, FL
39	Willingham, John*	OLB	6-3 235	Sr.	Dayton, OH
12	Zurbrugg, Chris	QB	6-1 207	Sr.	Alliance, OH

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (8); Defense (7); Kickers (2).

WOLVERINE RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 347 Ron Johnson vs. Wisconsin, 1968
Season: 1469 Rob Lytle, 1976
Career: 3861 Butch Woolfolk, 1978-81

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 310 Jim Harbaugh vs. Wisconsin, 1986
Season: 2729 Jim Harbaugh, 1986
Career: 5449 Jim Harbaugh, 1983-86

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 12 Brad Myers vs. Ohio St., 1958
Season: 76 Jack Clancy, 1966
Career: 161 Anthony Carter, 1979-82

Longest Run: 92 Butch Woolfolk vs. Wisconsin, 1979
Longest Pass: 83 Rick Leach to Jim Smith vs. Purdue, 1975

Information provided by Greg Shea, Michigan Sports Information.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 11-2-0; 7-1-0 T1st Big Ten.

Head Coach: Bo Schembechler (Michigan record: 167-40-4; Overall record: 207-57-7), Miami of Ohio '51.

Offensive Coordinator: Gary Moeller, Ohio State '63.

Defensive Coordinator: Lloyd Carr, Northern Michigan '68.

Offense: Multiple-I Defense: 3-4.

All-Star Candidates: OT-John Elliott, TB-Jamie Morris, DT-Mark Messner, C-John Vitale, P-Monte Robbins, K-Mike Gillette.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Anderson, Erick	LB	6-3 205	Glenview, IL
Bohn, Chris	LB	6-3 205	Traverse City, MI
Bush, Eric	QB	6-3 185	Quincy, IL
Diebolt, Dave	TE	6-4 235	Mayfield, OH
Dingman, Dean	OG	6-3 265	East Troy, WI
Dottin, Lance	RB-DB	6-3 195	Cambridge, MA
Elliott, Matt	OL	6-4 255	Carmel, IN
Fichtner, Rusty	LB	6-1 205	Meadville, PA
Jokisch, Dan	WR-DB	6-7 210	Clarkston, MI
Marshall, Alex	DE	6-4 235	Redford, MI
Odum, Wilbur	QB	6-0 185	San Antonio, TX
Owen, Kevin	DB	5-11 185	Orange, OH
Ritter, Dave	DB	6-3 190	Chicago, IL
Simpson, Cornelius	LB	6-3 215	Highland Park, MI
Skrepnek, Greg	OT	6-8 305	Wilkes-Barre, PA
Soehnen, Mark	LB	6-2 232	Louisville, OH
Sollom, Ken	QB	6-2 180	Canyon Country, CA
Townsend, Brian	LB	6-4 220	Cincinnati, OH
Welborne, Tripp	WR	6-1 185	Greensboro, NC
Williams, Otis	LB	6-3 215	Canton, OH
Zielinski, Ron	DL	6-5 260	Sterling Hts., MI

MICHIGAN STATE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
65	Anderson, Mike	OT	6-2 260	Jr.	Sun Prairie, WI
36	Barnett, Harlon	SS	5-10 184	So.	Cincinnati, OH
45	Bergin, Joe*	DE	6-0 248	Sr.	Elmhurst, IL
85	Born, Brandon	TE	6-4 243	Jr.	Grand Rapids, MI
17	Bouyer, Willie	FL	6-2 191	Jr.	Detroit, MI
87	Budde, John*	DE	6-3 230	Jr.	Kansas City, MO
31	Chamberlain, M.*	FS	6-0 188	Jr.	Jeannette, PA
62	Confer, Cliff	DE	6-3 264	Fr.	New Lothrop, MI
75	Davis, Travis*	DT	6-2 258	So.	Warren, OH
57	Edwards, Dixon	OLB	6-1 189	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
4	Enos, Dan	QB	6-2 191	Fr.	Dearborn, MI
26	Ezor, Blake	TB	5-8 189	So.	Las Vegas, NV
86	Gicewicz, Rich	TE	6-4 236	Jr.	Getzville, NY
62	Grzybowski, Chet	OT	6-6 275	Jr.	Norwich, NY
80	Grzybowski, Doug	TE	6-5 245	So.	Norwich, NY
50	Hill, Mark*	OG	6-4 270	Jr.	Holland, MI
5	Holba, Tom	QB	6-5 208	Jr.	Lansing, IL
74	Houle, David*	OT	6-4 276	Sr.	Plymouth, MI
28	Johnson, Craig	CB	5-9 197	Jr.	Massillon, OH
32	Jones, Brian	MLB	6-3 219	Fr.	Akron, OH
93	Keller, Matt	DT	6-4 262	Fr.	Austintown, OH
35	Krumm, Todd*	FS	6-2 200	So.	W. Bloomfield, MI
63	Kula, Bob	OG	6-4 267	So.	W. Bloomfield, MI
10	Langeloh, John	K	6-2 176	Fr.	Sterling Hgts., MI
3	Larson, Kurt	OLB	6-4 232	Jr.	Waukesha, WI
84	Love, Rob	OLB	6-4 218	So.	Dearborn, MI
79	Mandarich, Tony*	OT	6-5 297	Jr.	Oakville, ON
58	Martin, David	C	6-4 241	Jr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
8	McAllister, Bobby	QB	6-3 190	Jr.	Pompano Bch., FL
13	Merritt, Antonio	QB	6-4 209	Jr.	Jersey City, NJ
29	Miller, Cal	FB	6-0 222	Fr.	Ft. Wayne, IN
44	Miller, John*	SS	6-2 202	Jr.	Farmington Hills, MI
23	Montgomery, G.*	P	6-4 215	Sr.	Shrewsbury, NJ
33	Moore, James	FB	6-1 204	So.	Lansing, MI
42	Moore, Tim*	OLB	6-3 225	Sr.	St. Johns, MI
83	Nichols, Mark*	DT	6-2 252	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
59	O'Keefe, Kevin	OG	6-4 271	So.	Lakewood, OH
92	Palmer, Jeff	OT	6-4 253	So.	Detroit, MI
37	Parker, Freddie	CB	6-3 180	So.	Jackson, MI

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
24	Payton, Lenier	CB	6-3 186	Fr.	Highland Park, MI
2	Perrin, Jerome	CB	6-2 191	Fr.	Canton, OH
38	Pugh, Joe	FB	5-10 210	So.	Grand Rapids, MI
6	Reed, Derrick	CB	5-11 188	Jr.	Dallas, TX
55	Ridgeway, Jason	DT	6-3 248	Jr.	Detroit, MI
40	Ridinger, Tim	DT	6-1 226	So.	Ferndale, MI
1	Rison, Andre*	SE	5-10 180	Jr.	Flint, MI
27	Roy, Robert	FB	6-0 232	Fr.	Chicago, IL
49	Sargent, Mike*	TE	6-1 239	Sr.	Flint, MI
60	Shurmur, Pat*	C	6-2 238	Sr.	Dearborn Hgts., MI
68	Simpson, David	OT	6-5 260	So.	Temperance, MI
12	Smolinski, Brian	SE	5-11 185	Fr.	Farmington Hills, MI
48	Snow, Percy	MLB	6-3 211	So.	Canton, OH
64	Soehnen, Chris	DT	6-2 255	Fr.	Canton, OH
22	Stradley, Rob*	OLB	6-2 200	Sr.	Hartsville, OH
91	Szymanski, Jim	DE	6-6 250	So.	Sterling Hgts., MI
61	Tata, Vince*	OG	6-1 265	Jr.	Fenton, MI
66	Vanderbeek, M.	OLB	6-4 227	So.	Holland, MI
34	White, Lorenzo*	TB	5-11 211	Sr.	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
99	Willert, Chris	DE	6-3 253	So.	Bay City, MI
81	Wilson, Bernard	FL	6-0 178	Jr.	Paterson, NJ

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (8); Defense (9); Kickers (1).

SPARTAN RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 350 Eric Allen vs. Purdue, 1971
Season: 2066 Lorenzo White, 1985
Career: 3315 Lorenzo White, 1984-present

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 369 Ed Smith vs. Indiana, 1978
Season: 2581 Dave Yarema, 1986
Career: 5809 Dave Yarema, 1982-86

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 11 Andre Rison vs. Indiana, 1986
Season: 54 Andre Rison, 1986
Career: 118 Ted Jones, 1980-82

Longest Run: 90 Lynn Chandnois vs. Arizona, 1949
Longest Pass: 88 Steve Juday to Sherman Lewis vs. So. Cal., 1963

Information provided by Nick Vista, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 6-5-0, 4-4-0 5th Big Ten.

Head Coach: George Perles (MSU record: 23-22-1; Overall record: 23-22-1), Michigan St. '60.

Offensive Coordinator: Morris Watts, Tulsa '61.

Defensive Coordinator: Nick Saban, Kent State '73.

Offense: I-Formation. Defense: Stunt 4-3.

All-Star Candidates: TB-Lorenzo White, P-Greg Montgomery, SE-Andre Rison, DT-Mark Nichols, OLB-Tim Moore, OT-Tony Mandarich, FS-Todd Krumm, C-Pat Shurmur, OLB-Rob Stradley.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Aetri, John	K	6-0 185	Westlake, OH
Boggus, Kiet	DB	6-0 175	Tamarac, FL
Bongiorni, Mario	QB	6-2 185	Burggettstown, PA
Bringingstool, Tony	LB	6-5 219	Northville, MI
Bullough, Charles	LB	6-2 217	Orchard Park, NY
Butland, Josh	P-TE	6-5 215	Troy, MI
Dowels, John	LB	6-3 220	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Eaton, Darrin	DB-WR	6-1 180	Lansing, MI
Henry, Robert	L	6-6 258	Cudahy, WI
Hickson, Hyland	TB	5-10 215	Ft. Lauderdale, FL
Hostetler, Lance	OL	6-4 244	Massillon, OH
Johnson, Bill	DL	6-4 250	Chicago, IL
Johnson, James	OL	6-6 275	Alto, MI
Marino, Carlos	TE-LB	6-4 230	Detroit, MI
Piowarczyk, Chris	OL	6-5 235	Fenton, MI
Pryor, Corey	TB	5-11 170	Jackson, MI
Repsky, John	OT	6-5 265	Youngstown, OH
Robbins, Kevin	OT	6-5 280	Washington, DC
Selzer, Scott	B	5-11 185	Farmington Hills, MI
Wittig, Jeffrey	OT	6-8 235	Grand Rapids, MI

* denotes junior college transfer

MINNESOTA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
20	Adams, Rick	CB	5-7 175	So.	Groveland, FL
80	Akre, Skeeter	TE	6-6 218	Fr.	Aubry, TX
52	Anderson, Paul*	OG	6-3 264	Sr.	Osseo, WI
15	Armstrong, Ray	SE	6-1 176	Jr.	Jacksonville, AR
51	Bahr, Ed	TE	6-4 234	So.	Intern'l. Falls, MN
16	Baker, Michael	SE	6-0 203	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
27	Berry, Warren	FS	5-11 197	Jr.	Willingboro, NJ
8	Bobinski, John	QB	6-4 204	So.	Rothschild, WI
33	Bonner, Brian	LB	6-2 221	Sr.	Minneapolis, MN
96	Brouwer, Jason	OLB	6-5 233	Fr.	Slayton, MN
9	Brown, Joel	CB	5-11 155	Jr.	Peyton, CO
38	Bruce, Jason	FL	6-1 195	Jr.	Eagan, MN
29	Carter, Dennis	SE	6-0 173	Jr.	Miami, FL
30	Conant, Dale	LB	6-1 230	So.	Apple Valley, MN
21	Couch, Gary*	FL	5-11 171	Sr.	Davenport, IA
51	Coughlin, Bob	C	6-3 246	Fr.	Brooklyn Park, MN
41	Evans, Doug	CB	6-2 152	So.	Montgomery, AL
60	Farr, Eric	OT	6-4 199	Sr.	Eau Claire, WI
14	Foggie, Rickey*	QB	6-1 199	Sr.	Waterloo, SC
40	Franklin, Steve*	SS	5-11 207	Jr.	Groveland, FL
37	Goetz, Ron	OLB	6-3 227	So.	Waconia, MN
58	Guldin, Scott	C	6-0 219	Sr.	Irwin, PA
68	Hadd, Gary	DT	6-5 262	Sr.	Burnsville, MN
78	Hart, Pat	C	6-4 242	Jr.	Andover, MN
5	Herbel, Brent*	P	5-10 177	So.	Grafton, ND
17	Holt, Alan	QB	6-0 196	Jr.	Miami, FL
93	Hrycak, Terry	LB	6-2 228	Jr.	Newark, DE
83	Juneau, Tim	OLB	6-5 241	Jr.	Andover, MN
67	Lennon, J.J.	OG	6-2 252	So.	St. Paul, MN
56	Leverenz, Jon	LB	6-2 218	So.	Ankeny, IA
73	Limata, Dan	OT	6-5 274	So.	Aurora, MN
25	Lohmiller, Chip*	K	6-3 198	Sr.	Woodbury, MN
85	Mayle, Steven	OT	6-5 255	So.	Canton, OH
69	McCabe, Martin	OT	6-5 264	So.	Villanova, PA
3	McCree, Charles	CB	5-11 181	Jr.	Bolingbrook, IL
36	McGee, Albert	TB	6-1 193	Fr.	Kansas City, KS
4	McGee, Carlos	CB	5-11 169	So.	St. Louis, MO
43	McIntosh, Marcus	FS	6-1 209	Sr.	St. Paul, MN
98	Melander, Jon	OLB	6-7 251	So.	Fridley, MN

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
88	Mittens, Todd	LB	6-1 231	Jr.	Anoka, MN
46	Mueller, Doug*	NG	6-4 242	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
84	Otto, Craig*	TE	6-3 219	Jr.	Elk River, MN
24	Penn, Ed	FB	6-0 216	Jr.	Tampa, FL
53	Peterson, Steve	OG	6-4 255	Jr.	Marshalltown, IA
65	Rechtin, Dan	OT	6-7 273	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
97	Rhodus, Steve	NG	6-2 241	Sr.	Rice Lake, WI
11	Richardson, Roselle	FB	6-2 238	Jr.	Warren, OH
70	Selvestra, John	OT	6-7 268	Fr.	Rosemount, MN
94	Stephens, Mac	OLB	6-3 209	So.	Akron, OH
13	Streiff, Scott	OLB	6-1 201	So.	W. Concord, MN
79	Sunvold, Mike	DT	6-5 246	Fr.	Brooklyn Ctr., MN
39	Thompson, Darrell*	TB	6-2 206	So.	Rochester, MN
77	Trip, Trint	DT	6-5 284	Jr.	Mondovi, WI
32	Turgeon, Mike	LB	6-3 232	So.	Warren, MN
90	Ukkelberg, Ross	DT	6-5 260	Jr.	Clitherall, MN
22	Welter, Craig	CB	6-0 169	So.	Elkhart Lake, WI
63	Williams, Brian	C	6-5 295	Jr.	Pittsburgh, PA
48	Williams, David	SS	6-0 210	Sr.	Waukesha, WI
52	Williams, John	TE	6-3 240	Jr.	Bloomington, MN
57	Wolkow, Troy*	OG	6-4 268	Sr.	Lakeville, MN

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (6); Defense (2); Kickers (2).

GOPHER RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 266 Kent Kitzmann vs. Illinois, 1977
Season: 1240 Darrell Thompson, 1986
Career: 3087 Marion Barber, 1977-80

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 444 Mike Hohensee vs. Ohio St., 1981
Season: 2412 Mike Hohensee, 1981
Career: 4792 Mike Hohensee, 1981-82

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 12 Glenn Bourgin vs. Michigan, 1979
Season: 12 Chester Cooper vs. Ohio St., 1981
Career: 58 Chester Cooper, 1981

Longest Run: 86 Rick Upchurch vs. Iowa, 1974

Longest Pass: 89 Rickey Foggie to Mel Anderson vs. Wisc., 1985

Information provided by Bob Peterson, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 6-6-0; 5-3-0 T3rd Big Ten.

Head Coach: John Gutekunst (Minnesota record: 7-6-0; Overall record: 7-6-0), Duke 66.

Offensive Coordinator: Larry Beckish, Wichita State 64.

Defensive Coordinator: Dick Biddle, Duke 71.

Offense: Pro I.

Defense: 5-2.

All-Star Candidates: QB-Rickey Foggie, TB-Darrell Thompson, OG-Troy Wolkow, DT-Gary Hadd, K-Chip Lohmiller, FL-Gary Couch.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Bentley, John	WR	6-4 190	Chicago, IL
Brixius, Chip	TE-DE	6-4 225	Excelsior, MN
Burt, Carlton	DB	5-11 175	Canton, OH
Cherry, Eric	B	5-10 178	Akron, OH
Collins, Charles	DT	6-4 260	Chicago, IL
*Evans, Doug	DB	6-1 177	Montgomery, AL
Evans, Pat	TE	6-7 225	Swarthmore, PA
Foggie, Fred	RB	6-1 170	Waterloo, SC
Fortson, Wesley	OG	6-2 250	Woodbury, NJ
Hackbarth, Kraig	LB	6-4 220	Fon du Lac, WI
Isakson, Gary	DL	6-4 245	Apple Valley, MN
Jackson, Frank	QB	6-2 180	Detroit, MI
Joiner, Keswick	QB	6-0 170	Moss Point, MS
Kelzenberg, Peter	L	6-4 225	Watertown, MN
King, James	B	5-10 185	Watertown, MN
Mertz, Ron	LB-DE	6-5 227	Burnsville, MN
Reckiesder, Steve	L	6-7 230	Roseville, MN
Schaffner, Scott	QB	6-3 190	West Chester, OH
Sesler, Everett	CB	5-10 180	Brooksville, FL
Settembrino, Albert	RB	5-11 180	Philadelphia, PA
Sheldon, Matt	RB	5-10 169	Schofield, WI
Sutton, Kevin	LB	6-2 225	Brooksville, FL
Svien, Peter	OL	6-4 250	Lewiston, MN
Thaddies, Andre	B	6-0 180	Delray Bch., FL
Thome, Chris	L	6-6 235	W. St. Paul, MN
White, Tony	QB	6-0 170	Orlando, FL
Williams, Ricky	FB	6-3 230	Detroit, MI

* denotes junior college transfer

NORTHERN ILLINOIS

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
89	Abel, Jason	TE	6-3 214	So.	Cedar Rapids, IA
20	Ballard, William	OLB	6-0 192	Sr.	Chicago, IL
16	Brown, Maurice	FS	6-2 162	Fr.	Davenport, IA
44	Bryant, Patrick	OLB	5-9 177	So.	Chicago, IL
67	Bucaro, Phil	DT	6-1 212	So.	Bloomington, IL
87	Bullock, Chad	DE	6-4 222	Fr.	Maquoketa, IA
86	Caliendo, Cary	DE	6-2 224	Fr.	Brookfield, WI
95	Cokinis, Doug	DT	6-0 228	So.	Wheaton, IL
33	Davis, Antonio*	FB	5-11 187	Jr.	Oak Park, IL
43	Delisi, Ron	ILB	5-10 208	So.	Chicago, IL
74	Elliot, Scott	OT	6-5 244	Fr.	Momence, IL
32	Emerzian, Garo	K	5-9 186	Sr.	Waukegan, IL
64	Fiene, Eric	OG	6-3 226	Fr.	Dakota, IL
90	Foley, Phil	DE	6-2 216	Jr.	Chicago, IL
17	Franklin, Jeff	SE	5-10 161	So.	Alliance, OH
68	Frazier, Kevin	DE	6-1 223	Sr.	Freeport, IL
4	Genatempo, Pete	QB	6-0 179	Sr.	Streamwood, IL
15	Gerin, Virgil*	SE	5-11 169	Jr.	Melrose Park, IL
7	Glasper, Darron	SE	5-9 165	Jr.	Chicago, IL
70	Graham, Dan*	C	6-3 246	Sr.	Wheaton, IL
66	Gucwa, Joe	OT	6-3 236	So.	Chicago, IL
96	Harris, Reggie*	DT	6-3 263	Sr.	Rockford, IL
71	Heidel, Greg*	OT	6-3 244	So.	Rockford, IL
99	Hennings, Ted	DE	6-2 233	So.	Mishawaka, IN
58	Higgins, Mike	ILB	6-1 202	Jr.	Avon, OH
27	Hollingshed, Mike*	FS	5-11 194	Sr.	Detroit, MI
83	Howell, Ron	HB	6-4 201	Jr.	Chicago, IL
29	Hurley, Keith	HB	5-11 185	Sr.	Bellwood, IL
8	Iwema, Kent*	TE	6-1 204	Sr.	Wildwood, IL
77	Karamanos, Ted*	OG	6-2 260	Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL
47	Kentner, Matt	ILB	6-1 208	So.	Roscoe, IL
56	Klein, Tom	DE	6-2 213	Jr.	Chicago, IL
22	Locke, Mark	FB	6-1 218	So.	Evanston, IL
10	Manley, Duane	QB	5-11 168	Fr.	Bolingbrook, IL
9	Manson, Mike*	OLB	6-2 200	Jr.	Chicago, IL
72	McNally, Phil	OG	6-3 284	Jr.	Chicago, IL
13	Monnett, Darren	K-P	5-10 159	Sr.	Orland Park, IL
65	Montel, Bob*	OT	6-2 240	So.	Mishawaka, IN
35	Montgomery, Chris	HB	5-8 185	Fr.	Bartlett, IL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
18	Nelson, Eric*	K	5-10 169	So.	Ballwin, MO
30	Norman, Chris	CB	6-0 178	So.	Bettendorf, IA
21	Peshek, Tim	FB	5-11 194	Jr.	Lake Zurich, IL
80	Randall, James	OLB	6-1 195	So.	Rockford, IL
25	Redmond, Lenbigh	HB	5-9 194	Fr.	Chicago, IL
82	Royster, Claude	TE	6-2 194	Fr.	Palatine, IL
48	Savegnago, Tony*	ILB	6-1 216	Sr.	Carol Stream, IL
24	Shead, Drake	HB	5-11 182	Jr.	Plano, TX
63	Smaha, Dan	OG	6-5 262	So.	Moline, IL
62	Spillane, Joe	OT	6-6 231	Sr.	Oak Park, IL
26	Strasser, Mike	HB	5-8 171	So.	S. Beloit, IL
61	Sugrue, John	OG	6-2 246	Sr.	Oak Lawn, IL
1	Taylor, Marshall*	QB	5-8 179	Jr.	Detroit, MI
38	Taylor, Rodney*	HB	5-8 161	Jr.	Davenport, IA
12	Taylor, Rufus*	CB	6-0 178	So.	E. Chicago Hts., IL
37	Townsend, Randall	CB	5-9 178	Jr.	Chicago, IL
41	Tremblay, Rich	FS	6-0 178	Sr.	Calumet City, IL
36	Tucker, Brett	CB	5-11 186	So.	Sycamore, IL
51	Wenczkowski, Eric	C	6-3 232	So.	Franklin Park, IL
92	Whirley, Gerry	OLB	6-3 200	So.	Chicago, IL
23	White, J.D.	ILB	6-0 190	So.	Iowa City, IA

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (9); Defense (5); Kickers (1).

HUSKIE RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 254 Allen Ross vs. Ohio, 1977
Season: 1719 Mark Kellar, 1973
Career: 3745 Mark Kellar, 1971-73

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 445 George Bork vs. Illinois St., 1963
Season: 3077 George Bork, 1963
Career: 6782 George Bork, 1960-63

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 17 Gary Stearns vs. Central Michigan, 1963
Season: 91 Dave Petzke, 1978
Career: 183 Hugh Rohrschneider, 1961-63

Longest Run: 99 Reino Nori vs. Whitewater, 1934

Longest Pass: 83 George Bork to Rich Bader vs. E. Mich., 1960

Information provided by Mike Korcek, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 2-9-0.

Head Coach: Jerry Pettibone (No. Illinois record: 6-16-0; Overall record: 6-16-0), Oklahoma '63.

Offensive Coordinator: Pat Ruel, Miami (Fla.) 73.

Defensive Coordinator: Tim McGuire, Nebraska 75.

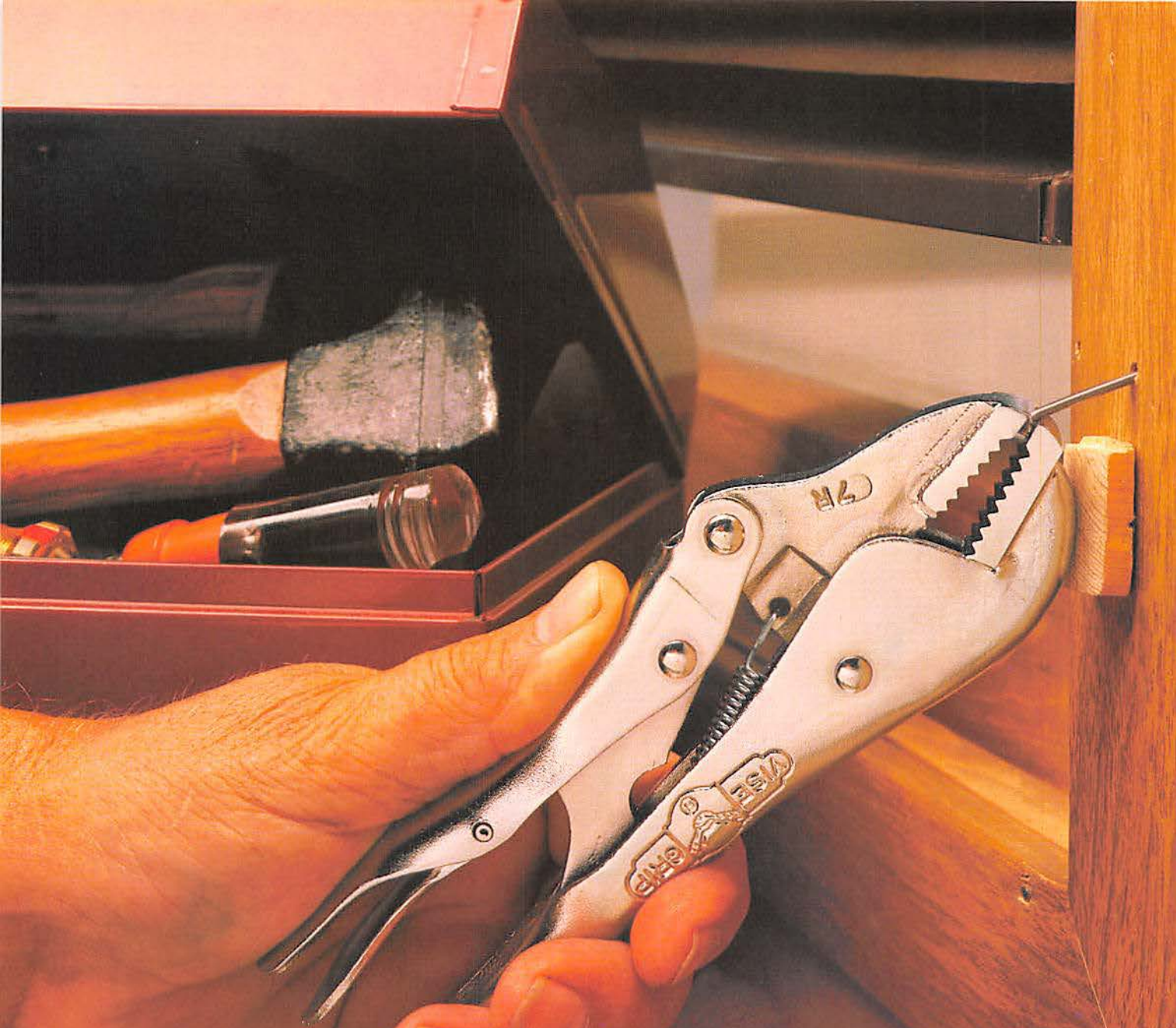
Offense: Veer.

Defense: 52.

All-Star Candidates: OG-Ted Karamanos, FB-Antonio Davis, ILB-Tony Savegnago, QB-Marshall Taylor, HB-Rodney Taylor, C-Dan Graham.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Adams, Curtis	DB	5-10 180	Chicago, IL
Buchanan, Darin	DE	6-3 240	Hoffman Estates, IL
Cassidy, Kevin	DB	6-4 175	Kankakee, IL
Cassidy, Kurt	WR	6-4 175	Kankakee, IL
Christian, Steve	DB	6-2 185	Hoffman Estates, IL
Clancy, Mark	WR	5-10 165	Chicago, IL
Dach, Adam	RB	6-0 190	Byron, IL
Edmond, Eugene	RB	6-0 180	Kankakee, IL
Field, Chris	OL	6-4 250	Lisle, IL
Geary, Jeff	DB	6-0 175	Mundelein, IL
Gilliam, Andre	DL	6-3 245	Milwaukee, WI
Hammuck, Milton	RB	5-10 165	Springfield, IL
Haywood, James	RB	5-10 180	Carpentersville, IL
Henriksen, Steve	LB	6-3 225	Elmhurst, IL
Hesse, John	DB	5-11 180	Iowa City, IA
Holliday, Jeff	DL	6-4 250	De Kalb, IL
Jones, Milton	DB	6-0 175	S. Holland, IL
Jones, Nick	ILB	6-1 215	Chicago, IL
McShane, Mike	TE	6-4 220	Chicago, IL
Reszka, Dan	DB	6-1 180	Cudahy, WI
Robinson, Stacey	QB	6-1 180	Danville, IL
Russell, David	DT	6-3 235	Alton, IL
Thompson, Steve	DE	6-5 220	Menasha, WI
Van Bellingier, Scott	DE	6-5 210	Green Bay, WI
Westrick, Mike	TE	6-4 230	Milton, WI
White, Eric	DE	6-3 225	Cumberland, WI



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No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
2	Adams, Dirk*	DB	5-10 175	Sr.	La Puente, CA
17	Adler, Ira	K	5-9 150	So.	Plantation, FL
85	Batzer, Steve	TE	6-5 215	Sr.	Galesburg, IL
74	Baum, Michael*	OT	6-5 260	Sr.	Park Ridge, IL
38	Bender, Jim	WR-P	6-1 185	So.	Watertown, WI
92	Berkel, Dan	DT	6-5 265	Sr.	Antioch, IL
10	Bradshaw, Greg	QB	6-2 190	Sr.	Woodstock, IL
66	Brown, Alan*	ILB	6-2 230	Sr.	Largo, MD
16	Bucaro, Bob	OLB	5-11 205	Sr.	Bloomington, IL
84	Bumgarner, Marc	TE	6-5 220	Sr.	Morton, IL
22	Burton, Ron*	RB	5-11 200	Sr.	Framingham, MA
63	Buzby, Ted	OG	6-4 235	Sr.	Palatine, IL
64	Callentine, D.R.	OG	6-5 250	So.	Dayton, OH
15	Carpenter, Shawn*	P	5-10 185	Sr.	Emerson, NJ
1	Davenport, Stanley	RB	5-11 200	Sr.	Decatur, GA
40	Ding, Walter	RB	5-11 180	Sr.	Mahomet, IL
67	Disper, Dirk	OG	6-4 240	Sr.	Ballwin, MO
83	Discoll, Bob	TE	6-4 235	Sr.	Cedar Rapids, IA
80	Flesher, Bill	WR	5-11 180	Sr.	Paradise, CA
58	Freeman, Jeff	C	6-2 235	Sr.	Madison, WI
42	Gearey, Darrin	DB	5-11 190	Sr.	Fallon, NY
14	Greenfield, Mike*	QB	6-2 185	Sr.	Elmwood Park, IL
86	Griswold, Bob	TE	6-5 225	Jr.	Brooklyn Ctr., MN
81	Hall, Marty	WR	6-1 190	Sr.	Findlay, OH
64	Harouvis, George	DT	6-3 245	Jr.	Lakewood, OH
79	Heffelfinger, Tim	DT	6-3 235	So.	Sterling, IL
89	Helding, Dave*	DE	6-4 260	Jr.	Hobart, IN
61	Hofmann, Steve*	OG	6-4 265	Sr.	South Bend, IN
70	Jamsek, Bob	DE	6-7 245	So.	Cleveland, OH
28	Jones, George*	WR	6-3 210	Sr.	Raleigh, NC
59	Karras, Tony	DT	6-0 250	Sr.	Gary, IN
46	Kaukialo, Tom*	ILB	6-2 225	Sr.	Peotone, IL
8	Lang, Marcus	WR	5-10 160	Jr.	Hempstead, TX
93	Lundergreen, Kurt	DE	6-4 230	Sr.	Zephyr Cove, NV
7	McClellan, Randy	WR	6-1 175	Jr.	Windermere, FL
95	McCrimmon, Rod	DE	6-5 230	Jr.	Oswego, IL
5	McLaughlin, Bill	DB	6-1 200	Sr.	Chapman, KS
27	Morris, Alec	RB	5-11 175	So.	Peoria, IL
35	Myers, Rich*	DB	6-1 205	Sr.	Chester, PA

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
52	Nicklas, Tom*	OG	6-5 270	Sr.	Cerritos, CA
11	O'Brien, Tim	QB	6-2 195	Jr.	Hobart, IN
3	Palmer, Kyle	DB	6-1 175	Jr.	Harrisburg, PA
69	Panovich, Mihailo	OT	6-5 240	So.	Chicago, IL
49	Pennington, Doug	ILB	6-2 235	Sr.	Chicago, IL
87	Peterson, Kevin	OLB	6-4 230	Jr.	Evanston, IL
21	Robinson, Jeff*	DB	5-11 195	Jr.	Minneapolis, MN
97	Ruden, John	OLB	6-2 210	Jr.	Dubuque, IA
77	Schuler, Paul	DE	6-4 225	So.	Midlothian, IL
24	Schultz, Greg	RB	6-0 190	Jr.	Crystal Lake, IL
19	Siewert, Steve	DB	6-0 180	Jr.	Cedarburg, WI
72	Smith, Kevin	OT	6-5 270	Sr.	Monroe, NY
32	Spears, Curtis	RB	6-0 215	Jr.	Chicago, IL
73	Stainton, Jeff*	OT	6-4 260	Sr.	Chatham, IL
65	Toler, Charles	C	6-2 265	So.	Hempstead, TX
76	Vest, Derrill	OT	6-5 280	Jr.	American Fork, UT
48	Vickery, Mike	ILB	6-2 215	Jr.	Bourbonnais, IL
4	Whitley, Brett*	DE	5-10 175	Sr.	Port Arthur, TX
57	Wilson, Stanley	DE	6-5 235	So.	Cleveland, OH
33	Witt, Matt	ILB	6-2 210	So.	Wheeling, IL
54	Witteck, Chris	ILB	6-2 225	Sr.	Franklin Sq., NY

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (7); Kickers (1).

WILDCAT RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 316 Mike Adamle vs. Wisconsin, 1969
Season: 1255 Mike Adamle, 1970
Career: 2465 Greg Boykin, 1972-76

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 446 Mike Greenfield vs. Northern Illinois, 1985
Season: 2735 Sandy Schwab, 1982
Career: 5679 Sandy Schwab, 1982-1985

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 17 Jon Harvey vs. Michigan, 1982
Season: 83 Ricky Edwards, 1983
Career: 140 Ricky Edwards, 1979-83

Longest Run: 95 Bill Swingle vs. Boston College, 1961
Longest Pass: 94 Mitch Anderson to Jim Lash vs. Michigan St., 1972

Information provided by Sharon Miller, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 4-7-0; 2-6-0 T8th Big 10.

Head Coach: Francis Peay (Northwestern record: 4-7-0, Overall record: 4-7-0), Missouri '66.

Offense: Pro-set. Defense: 4-3.
All-Star Candidates: QB-Mike Greenfield, RB-Stanley Davenport, LB-Alan Brown, LB-Tom Kaukialo, OG-Steve Hofmann, OG-Tom Nicklas.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Allaway, Mike	TE	6-5 215	Tinley Park, IL
Ashmore, Darryl	DL	6-6 250	Peoria, IL
Benson, Mark	QB	6-4 190	Buffalo Grove, IL
Bentley, Brendan	OL	6-4 265	Winfield, IL
Broeker, John	DL	6-5 225	Naperville, IL
Buchanan, Richard	B	6-0 180	Maywood, IL
Christian, Bob	RB	5-10 190	Ferguson, MO
Degen, Mike	LB	5-11 215	Bloomington, IL
*Dirks, Bret	OT	6-6 250	Monticello, IA
Fischer, Greg	B	6-3 190	Elmhurst, IL
Freyer, Dan	LB	6-2 235	Downers Grove, IL
Gleyzer, Vlad	OL	6-4 265	Chicago, IL
Holsen, Stan	DL	6-8 265	Park Ridge, IL
James, Dwight	DB	6-2 185	University Park, IL
Kane, Richard	LB	6-2 210	Chicago, IL
Kelly, Kip	B	6-2 185	Highland, IN
Low, Mike	DE-OLB	6-4 210	St. Charles, IL
*Martin, Doug	DE	6-4 235	Quinter, KS
Maulding, Ron	DL	6-5 235	Casey, IL
Mitidiero, Dave	QB	6-6 225	Lockport, IL
New, Pat	WR	6-0 175	Naperville, IL
Olson, Darren	B	6-3 192	Oconomowoc, WI
*Rowe, Randy	FB	6-1 235	Livingston, TX
*Sanders, Byron	RB	5-10 190	Wichita, KS
Thomas, Terry	DB	5-11 170	Danville, IL
*Walker, Andre	DT	6-5 255	Kansas City, KS
*Wells, Tom	LB	6-3 220	Russell, KS
Wenzel, Eric	OL	6-6 250	Cottage Grove, MN

* denotes junior college transfer

NOTRE DAME

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
80	Alaniz, Steve	SE	6-2 189	Jr.	Edinburg, TX
90	Alm, Jeff	DT	6-6 242	So.	Orland Park, IL
2	Andrysiak, Terry	QB	6-1 184	Sr.	Allen Park, MI
37	Banks, Braxton	FB	6-2 207	So.	Hayward, CA
57	Baugus, James	C	6-4 249	Sr.	Dunwoody, GA
8	Belles, Steve	QB	6-3 206	Jr.	Phoenix, AZ
19	Bobb, James	FS	6-0 178	Sr.	Port Arthur, TX
47	Bolcar, Ned	ILB	6-2 235	Jr.	Phillipsburg, NJ
71	Brown, Dean	OG	6-2 273	So.	Canton, OH
81	Brown, Tim*	FL	6-0 195	Sr.	Dallas, TX
4	Byrne, Tom	OLB	6-5 226	Sr.	Pacific, CA
58	Cegielski, Jason	OT	6-2 254	So.	Chicago, IL
77	Crounse, Michael	DT	6-2 255	So.	Endicott, NY
97	Dingens, Matt	DT	6-6 260	Sr.	Bloomfield Hills, MI
82	Dumas, Ray	FL	6-1 176	Jr.	St. Louis, MO
44	Eason, Tony	SE	6-3 207	Sr.	Snohomish, WA
48	Figaro, Cedric*	OLB	6-2 246	Sr.	Lafayette, LA
59	Flannery, Bryan	DT	6-3 247	So.	Lakewood, OH
	Foley, John	OLB	6-3 228	So.	Chicago, IL
32	Francisco, D'Juan	TB	5-11 182	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
65	Freeman, Tom*	OG	6-4 265	Sr.	Mission Hills, KS
38	Gordon, Darrell	OLB	6-3 210	Sr.	Hillside, NJ
87	Gorman, Tom	DT	6-6 260	Jr.	Evergreen Park, IL
11	Graham, Pete	QB	6-3 210	Jr.	Rumson, NJ
24	Green, Mark*	TB	5-11 181	Jr.	Riverside, CA
94	Griffin, Mike*	DT	6-4 246	Sr.	Cleveland Hts., OH
75	Grunhard, Tim	OT	6-3 271	So.	Chicago, IL
46	Harris, Gregory	ILB	6-1 195	Sr.	Baton Rouge, LA
88	Heck, Andy	TE	6-6 248	Jr.	Annandale, VA
59	Hudson, Greg	OLB	6-2 232	Jr.	Cincinnati, OH
3	Jefferson, Alonzo	TB	5-7 188	Sr.	W. Palm Beach, FL
22	Johnson, Anthony	FB	6-0 216	So.	South Bend, IN
79	Killian, Chuck	OT	6-5 263	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
93	Kunz, Jeff	DT	6-5 256	Sr.	Palm Bch. Gdns., FL
28	Kvochak, Chris	CB	6-1 182	Sr.	Vancouver, WA
51	Lanza, Chuck*	C	6-2 270	Sr.	Germantown, TN
70	Lippincott, Marty	OT	6-5 292	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
91	McShane, Kevin	DT	6-1 220	So.	Joliet, IL
17	Miller, Alvin	SE	6-3 206	Sr.	Kirkwood, MO

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
40	Morrison, Rich	DT	6-3 248	Jr.	Lynchburg, VA
55	Nigro, Mark	DT	6-3 249	Jr.	Lombard, IL
62	Pearson, Jeff	OG	6-2 250	So.	Chicago, IL
34	Pritchett, Wes	ILB	6-5 234	Sr.	Atlanta, GA
41	Quinn, Dan	OLB	6-3 232	Jr.	Encinitas, CA
76	Rehder, Tom*	OT	6-7 263	Sr.	Santa Maria, CA
	Rice, Tony	QB	6-2 190	So.	Woodruff, SC
21	Robb, Aaron	FL	6-1 190	Jr.	Coeur d'Alene, ID
61	Rokich, Pete	OT	6-7 262	Sr.	Salt Lake City, UT
29	Smagala, Stan	CB	5-11 177	So.	Burbank, IL
31	Southall, Corny	SS	6-1 186	Jr.	Rochester, NY
25	Spence, Marv*	CB	5-10 179	Sr.	Chester, PA
73	Spruell, Byron*	OT	6-4 279	Sr.	Aurora, OH
30	Stams, Frank	OLB	6-3 235	Sr.	Akron, OH
42	Stonebreaker, Mike	ILB	6-1 218	So.	River Ridge, LA
27	Streeter, George	SS	6-2 200	Jr.	Chicago, IL
46	Taylor, Pernell*	FB	5-11 218	Sr.	La Puente, CA
15	Terrell, Pat	SE	6-0 192	So.	St. Petersburg, FL
83	Ward, Reggie	FL	5-10 178	Sr.	Long Beach, CA
5	Wells, Brandy*	SS	6-0 186	Jr.	Montclair, NJ
35	Zackrisson, Kurt	TE	6-3 228	Jr.	Elmhurst, IL

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (4); Kickers (0).

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FIGHTING IRISH RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 255 Vagas Ferguson vs. Ga. Tech, 1978
Season: 1437 Vagas Ferguson, 1979
Career: 4131 Allen Pinkett, 1982-85

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 526 Joe Theismann vs. USC, 1970
Season: 2429 Joe Theismann, 1970
Career: 6527 Steve Beuerlein, 1983-86

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 13 Jim Seymour vs. Purdue, 1966
Season: 77 Tom Gatewood, 1970
Career: 157 Tom Gatewood, 1969-71
Longest Run: 92 Bob Livingston vs. USC, 1947
Longest Pass: 96 Blair Kiel to Joe Howard vs. Ga. Tech, 1981

Information provided by Roger Valdiserri, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 5-6-0.

Head Coach: Lou Holtz (Notre Dame record: 5-6-0; Overall record: 121-71-5), Kent St. '59.

Offensive Coordinator: none.
Defensive Coordinator: Foge Fazio, Pitt '60.
Offense: Multiple, I-formation.
Defense: 3-4.

All-Star Candidates: FL-Tim Brown, OLB-Cedric Figaro, C-Chuck Lanza, OT-Byron Spruell.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Allen, Joe	L	6-5 255	Chicago, IL
Balentine, Norm	L	6-5 270	Florissant, MO
Brooks, Tony	RB	6-2 215	Tulsa, OK
Callan, Mike	L	6-4 240	Ardmore, PA
Carpenter, Bobby	QB	6-2 170	Amityville, NY
Coleman, Linc	RB	6-0 185	Dallas, TX
Dahl, Bob	L	6-4 240	Chagrin Falls, OH
Davis, Greg	RB	6-1 190	Hollywood, FL
Dowler, Brian	WR	6-0 175	Tampa, FL
Graham, Kent	QB	6-5 225	Wheaton, IL
Grimm, Don	ILB	6-2 205	Scottsdale, PA
Hackett, Billy	K	6-1 180	Sarasota, FL
Heldt, Mike	L	6-4 265	Tampa, FL
Jacobs, Frank	TE	6-5 225	Cincinnati, OH
Jones, Andre	OLB	6-4 220	Hyattsville, MD
Kinsler, Jim	L	6-5 240	Braintree, MA
Kowalkowski, Scott	OLB	6-3 235	Farmington Hills, MI
Lyght, Todd	WR	6-1 174	Flint, MI
Marshall, George	L	6-3 230	Somerset, NJ
Martin, Pierre	WR	6-0 178	Pensacola, FL
Mihalko, Ryan	RB	6-2 225	Pelham, NH
Rausch, Peter	L	6-6 235	Ft. Myers, FL
Rosenberg, David	ILB	6-3 208	Sarasota, FL
Ryan, Tim	ILB	6-4 240	Kansas City, MO
Sandri, Winston	L	6-4 245	Raleigh, NC
Shannon, Brian	L	6-5 230	New Wilmington, PA
Watters, Ricky	RB	6-3 180	Harrisburg, PA
Williams, George	L	6-4 280	Willingboro, NJ
Wodecki, Darryl	TE	6-5 240	Chagrin Falls, OH
Zorich, Chris	ILB	6-1 240	Chicago, IL

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The magic numbers of 700 (minimum Scholastic Aptitude Test score), 15 (minimum American College Test score) and 2.0 (minimum grade-point average in a core curriculum of at least 11 high school subjects) have been ingrained in the memory of every college football coach and recruiting coordinator.

About a year ago, a survey of the 105 football programs in Division I-A indicated that over 200 incoming freshmen would spend the 1986 season in the classroom and in the stands, but not on the practice field or in uniform on Saturday. They were sidelined by the new rule.

While the NCAA didn't legislate further in that direction, it continued to restore sanity to big-time college football.

Now coaches will not be permitted to watch high school games until after Nov. 1.

In addition, the NCAA has virtually taken fat-cat boosters, with their Rolex watches and Lear jets, and chained them to their 50-yard-line seats. Their roles in recruiting have been severed.

All of which has placed a heavier burden on the coaches and recruiting coordinators, especially those in programs that recruit coast-to-coast.

With the latest legislation, look for recruiting to be less national and more regional. More prospects will stay closer to home.

Athlon's Elite 22 is annually comprised of high school seniors, but we would be remiss in not mentioning an honorary member who will be the prize pupil in next year's class, Russell White of Crespi High in Encino, Calif.

As a 15-year-old sophomore, he led the Celts to the California Interscholastic Federation Southern Section Big Five Conference championship. The 6-1, 195-pound tailback scored four touchdowns and gained 258 yards in the title game.

With 2,339 yards, 31 TDs and 188 points, White had the rare honor of being chosen to *Scholastic Magazine's* All-America squad as a sophomore.

Whereas White, nephew of former Southern California Heisman Trophy winner Charles White (1979), will direct attention to the West Coast next year, the focus is on the Atlantic seaboard in 1987. In Florida, look for Willie McClendon (6-1, 215) to replace Emmitt Smith's name on many records. McClendon's 2,173 regular-season yards set a state mark, and he led all runners (2,384 yards) and scorers (212 points) in full-season statistics. He's a big back playing for a small school, Jacksonville University Christian.

Merritt Island's Derek Brown is an imposing target at tight end, standing 6-7 and weighing 235. His 23.1-yards-per-catch average shows he also has speed.

Valdosta Lowndes linebacker Freddie Richardson (6-4, 235) was South Georgia Defensive Player of the Year in '86. With 4.6 speed and the inclination to play fullback, he might be the state's No. 1 player this year. Rock Hill tight end Gerald Dixon (6-4, 200) already has that title locked up in South Carolina off his All-Southern selection following a junior campaign in which he averaged 16.1 yards on 49 catches.

In North Carolina, they sing the praises of Carl Pickens (6-3, 180), a wide receiver (44 catches, 20.1 average, 12 TDs) and defensive back (eight interceptions, plus five punt and two kickoff returns for scores). He led Murphy (15-0) to the state I-A title. Defensive lineman David Rocker (6-4, 245) of Atlanta Fulton, who runs the 40 in 4.75, will try to

National Elite Twenty-Two

Top high school seniors of 1987:

Curtis Bray, LB, 6-4, 225, Monroeville (Pa.) Gateway
Derek Brown, TE, 6-7, 235, Merritt Island, Fla.
Mike Chelenski, LB, 6-5, 235, Kenilworth (N.J.) David Brearley
Xavier Crawford, RB, 5-11, 205, Memphis (Tenn.) Trezevant
Gerald Dixon, TE, 6-4, 200, Rock Hill, S.C.
Pete Gardere, QB, 6-0, 165, Houston (Texas) Lee
Randy Hall, OL, 6-4, 275, Knoxville (Tenn.) Halls
Bret Johnson, QB, 6-1, 170, El Toro, Calif.
Mario Johnson, OL, 6-5, 285, Florissant (Mo.) Hazelwood Central
Lindsey Knapp, OL, 6-5, 230, Deerfield, Ill.
Mike Lustyk, OL, 6-5, 245, Bellevue (Wash.) Interlake
Willie McClendon, RB, 6-1, 215, Jacksonville (Fla.) University Christian
O.J. McDuffie, RB/WR, 5-11, 170, Gates Mills (Ohio) Hawken
Rodney Pedraza, LB, 6-1, 215, Cuero, Texas
Carl Pickens, WR/DB, 6-3, 180, Murphy, N.C.
Kenyon Rasheed, RB, 5-11, 230, Kansas City (Mo.) Rockhurst
Eric Renkey, LB, 6-3, 230, Pittsburgh (Pa.) North Hills
Curvin Richards, RB, 5-10, 180, La Porte, Texas
Freddie Richardson, LB, 6-4, 235, Valdosta (Ga.) Lowndes
David Rocker, DL/C, 6-4, 245, Atlanta (Ga.) Fulton
Chuck Webb, RB, 5-11, 195, Toledo (Ohio) Macomber-Whitney
Kevin Williams, RB, 6-0, 195, Spring, Texas

match the prowess of older brother Tracy, All-SEC defensive tackle at Auburn last year.

Tennessee's top prep performers figure to be Knoxville Halls lineman Randy Hall (6-4, 275) and Memphis Trezevant running back Xavier Crawford (5-11, 205). Hall sparked his team to the state 3-A crown while Crawford helped his reach the 2-A semifinals. Crawford boasts 5,433 yards and 64 TDs in three varsity seasons.

Pennsylvania and New Jersey are loaded again. Three of the best are Kenilworth (N.J.) David Brearley linebacker Mike Chelenski (6-5, 235), Pittsburgh North Hills linebacker Eric Renkey (6-3, 230) and Monroeville (Pa.) Gateway linebacker Curtis Bray (6-4, 225), 4.6 in the 40. Chelenski runs so well, one scout thought he might be a running back. Another claims Renkey is "as tough a player as I've ever seen. He's going to be too big to play linebacker; before it's all over, he'll get his hands on the ground (as a lineman)." As for Bray, one recruiting expert rates him "one of the top five high school players in the country." Another says, "He might be No. 1."

Deerfield (Ill.) Coach Paul Adams says his latest star, Lindsey Knapp (6-5, 230), is "further along than any offensive lineman I've coached in 25 years." Ohio, usually a haven for great linemen, contributes a pair of burner backs in Toledo Macomber-Whitney's Chuck Webb (5-11, 195) and Gates Mills Hawken's O.J. McDuffie (5-11, 170). Webb was Ohio's 3-A back of the year with 1,795 yards and 17 TDs for a 5-5 team, while McDuffie, a three-sport standout, rang up 1,709 yards and 31 scores.

Missouri's finest met on the field in Arrowhead

Stadium last fall as fullback Kenyon Rasheed (5-11, 230) watched his Kansas City Rockhurst teammates defeat lineman Mario Johnson (6-5, 285) and his Florissant Hazelwood Central squad 13-10 for the 5-A crown. Rasheed went down with a knee injury in the semifinals.

Rasheed gained 1,324 yards and scored 21 TDs. Johnson, who has 4.6 speed and can also play tight end, has played three years of basketball and is a former state heavyweight wrestling champion.

Texas recruiting authority Max Emfinger likes the futures of runners Curvin Richards (5-10, 180) of La Porte and Kevin Williams (6-0, 195) of Spring. "Curvin is good and he could be great," says Emfinger. "He runs 4.5 but Kevin is faster at 4.45. I'd say Kevin is the best running back in the state. Everybody's buzzing about him."

Two other Lone Star State standouts are Houston Lee quarterback Pete Gardere (6-0, 165), a practitioner of the run-and-shoot offense, and linebacker Rodney Pedraza (6-1, 215), whose Cuero team went unbeaten until losing the 3-A final.

Best lineman on the West Coast could be Bellevue (Wash.) Interlake's Mike Lustyk (6-5, 245), called by Northwest guru Ron Siegel "the best in this state since Curt Marsh." Lustyk, a baseball first baseman and designated hitter, averaged 19.8 points in basketball as a junior and was a sophomore starter on Interlake's state championship team two years ago.

El Toro quarterback Bret Johnson (6-1, 170) earned second-team All-California and Junior of the Year honors by guiding his father's team to an unbeaten season as well as a No. 1 in Southern California ranking from the third week on.

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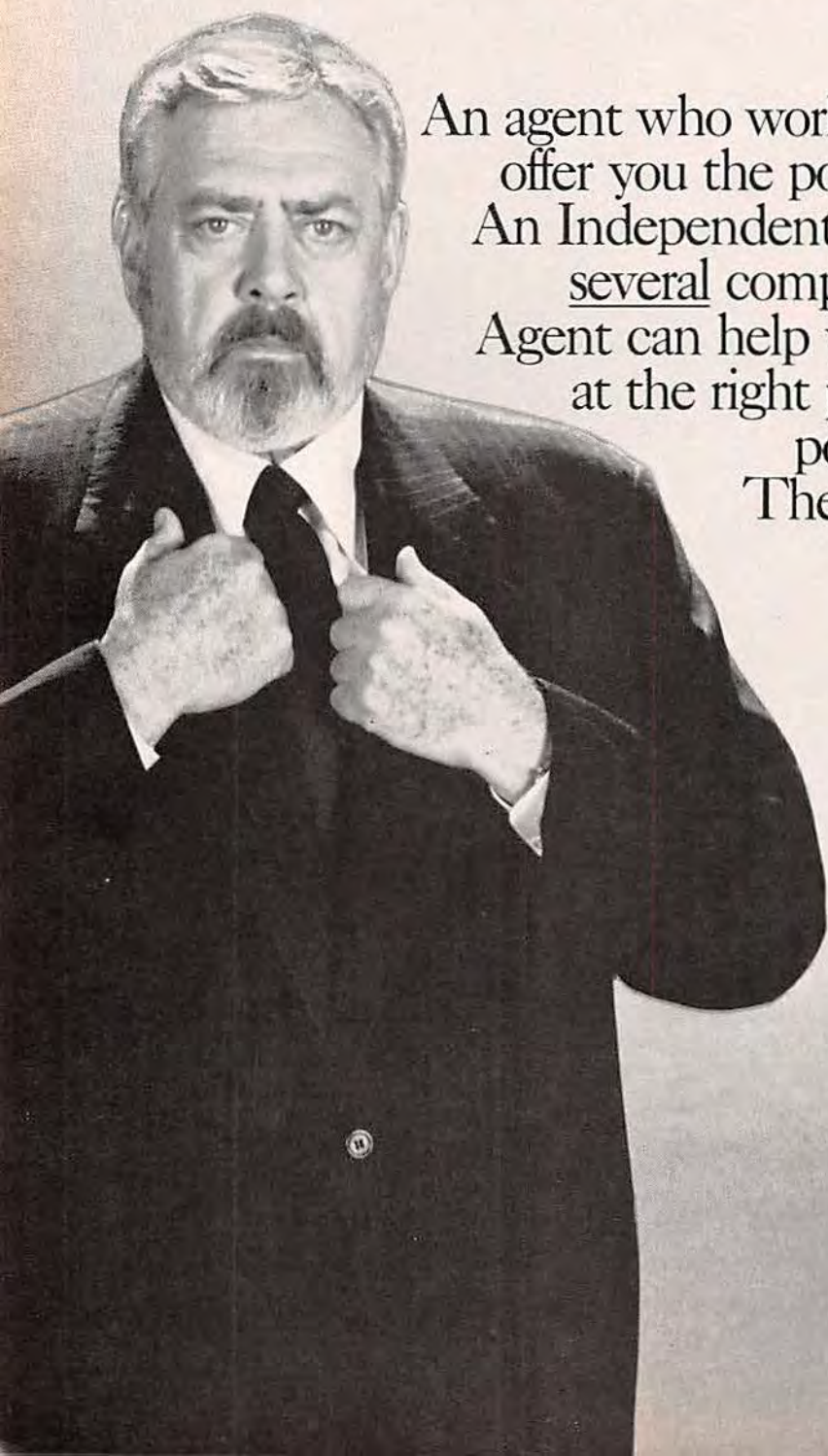


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OHIO STATE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
32	Andersack, Tom	OLB	6-3 206	Jr.	Toledo, OH
3	Bell, Sean	ROV	6-2 193	Jr.	Middletown, OH
91	Benio, Brian	LB	6-2 222	Fr.	Roswell, GA
38	Boddie, Chris	FB	6-2 224	Fr.	Toronto, ONT
27	Brown, David*	S	6-0 182	So.	Utica, NY
94	Brown, Henry	DT	6-4 259	Jr.	New York, NY
41	Bryant, Jim	TB	6-0 212	So.	Harrisburg, PA
2	Carter, Cris*	SE	6-3 194	Sr.	Middletown, OH
18	Cliff, Gary	SE	6-2 190	Jr.	Brunswick, OH
92	Coleman, Kenneth	NG	6-2 240	Fr.	Dayton, OH
66	Coles, Karl	OG	6-5 256	So.	Gahanna, OH
44	Cooper, George*	FB	6-2 246	Sr.	Wyandanch, NY
56	Craig, Orlando	LB	6-1 209	So.	Detroit, MI
62	Cupe, Anthony	SE	6-0 186	Fr.	Columbus, OH
50	Davidson, Jeff	OT	6-6 276	So.	Westerville, OH
77	Davidson, Jim	C	6-5 238	Jr.	Westerville, OH
21	Dumas, Zack	CB	6-2 190	So.	Deptford, NJ
12	Frantz, Matthew*	K	5-8 162	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
15	Frey, Greg	QB	6-2 186	Fr.	Cincinnati, OH
33	Gresock, Steve	FB	5-10 212	Sr.	Boardman, OH
65	Grimm, Erik	OG	6-4 250	Fr.	Sistersville, WV
26	Harris, Nate*	SE	5-11 172	Sr.	Akron, OH
88	Higdon, Alex	TE	6-5 238	Sr.	Cincinnati, OH
87	Huffman, Rich	TE	6-2 221	Fr.	Salem, OH
61	Isaman, Derek*	OLB	6-3 212	Jr.	Fremont, OH
47	Jackson, Ray	CB	6-0 184	Sr.	Akron, OH
73	Kuczek, Jeff	OG	6-4 233	Fr.	Boardman, OH
14	Kumerow, Eric*	OLB	6-6 242	Sr.	River Forest, IL
86	Lickovitch, Gary	TE	6-3 217	Fr.	Solon, OH
11	Matlock, Bill	FB	5-9 219	Jr.	Columbus, OH
99	McCray, Mike	OLB	6-3 229	Jr.	Dayton, OH
52	Moore, Tom	C	6-3 220	Jr.	Orville, OH
97	Moore, Tony	DT	6-4 262	Fr.	Amherst, OH
74	Moxley, Tim	OT	6-7 281	So.	Barnesville, OH
4	O'Morrow, Pat	K	5-11 177	So.	Radford, VA
46	Peel, James	ROV	5-11 187	Fr.	Beaver Falls, PA
48	Pelini, Mark	S	6-2 182	Fr.	Youngstown, OH
75	Peterson, John	OT	6-4 278	Fr.	Middletown, OH
13	Powell, Scott	QB	6-3 208	Jr.	North Canton, OH

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
1	Price, Lance	TB	6-1 180	Fr.	Toledo, OH
90	Ridder, Fred*	NG	6-2 244	Sr.	Eaton, OH
49	Robinson, Cero	CB	5-10 180	So.	Bethesda, MD
29	Rogan, Greg*	CB	5-10 187	Sr.	Urbana, OH
5	Ross, Everett	FL	5-11 178	Jr.	Columbus, OH
69	Shaffer, Jay	OT	6-7 286	Sr.	Lakeside, OH
98	Showalter, Mike*	DT	6-4 248	So.	Bay Village, OH
82	Siegenthaler, Wes	FL	6-0 178	Fr.	Massillon, OH
20	Smith, Dwight	CB	5-11 180	Jr.	Middletown, OH
36	Spielman, Chris*	LB	6-2 232	Sr.	Massillon, OH
79	Staysniak, Joe*	OT	6-5 274	So.	Elyria, OH
57	Sullivan, John	LB	6-0 233	Jr.	Timberlake, OH
67	Sullivan, Mike	NG	6-0 236	Jr.	Timberlake, OH
54	Thomas, Pat	NG	6-1 233	So.	Centerville, OH
19	Tupa, Tom*	QB-P	6-5 212	Sr.	Brecksville, OH
68	Uhlenhake, Jeff*	C	6-4 248	Jr.	Newark, OH
17	Wagoner, John	CB	6-3 196	Fr.	High Point, NC
37	White, William*	CB	5-10 188	Sr.	Lima, OH
42	Workman, Vince*	TB	5-11 184	Jr.	Dublin, OH
51	Zackeroff, Greg*	OG	6-5 262	Jr.	Warren, OH
96	Zizakovic, Srecko	DT	6-6 236	So.	Weston, ON

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (8); Kickers (2).

BUCKEYE RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 274 Keith Byars vs. Illinois, 1984
Season: 1764 Keith Byars, 1984
Career: 5589 Archie Griffin, 1972-75

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 458 Art Schlichter vs. Florida St., 1981
Season: 2551 Art Schlichter, 1981
Career: 7547 Art Schlichter, 1978-81

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 13 Gary Williams vs. Florida St., 1981
Season: 69 Cris Carter, 1986
Career: 168 Cris Carter, 1984-present

Longest Run: 89 Gene Fekete vs. Pittsburgh, 1942
Longest Pass: 86 Art Schlichter to Cal Murray vs. Washington St., 1979

Information provided by Marv Homan, Sports Information Director.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 10-3-0; 7-1-0 T1st Big Ten.
Head Coach: Earle Bruce (OSU record: 75-22-0;
Overall record: 122-56-0), OSU '53.
Offensive Coordinator: none.
Defensive Coordinator: Gary Blackney, Conn. '67.
Offense: 1, Split-back. Defense: 5-2.
All-Star Candidates: SE-Cris Carter, LB-Chris Spielman, OLB-Eric Kumerow, CB-William White, C-Jeff Uhlenhake.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Clark, Vince	DB	6-2 180	Cincinnati, OH
Edwards, Bernard	WR	6-5 185	Ft. Myers, FL
Ellis, Jeff	TE	6-4 225	Louisville, KY
Graham, Jeff	WR	6-2 185	Kettering, OH
Graham, Jim	RB	5-10 207	Long Beach, NY
Gurd, Andy	LB	6-3 225	Chagrin Falls, OH
Harrison, Tyrone	FB	6-2 225	Highland Park, NJ
Huddleston, Mike	OL	6-5 255	Wooster, OH
Kacherski, John	DL	6-3 240	Calverton, NY
Koch, Jay	TE	6-3 195	Cincinnati, OH
Lease, Tom	OLB	6-5 240	Kenton, OH
Long, Paul	OG	6-5 245	Mayfield Heights, OH
*MacCready, Derek	DL	6-5 260	Dorval, PQ
Nichols, Roy	DL	6-5 255	Jeannette, PA
Rutledge, Tim	DB	6-0 180	Youngstown, OH
Shoaf, Michael	OL	6-5 290	Orwell, OH
Smith, Mark	QB	6-2 202	Canton, OH
Spencer, John	RB	6-0 201	St. Clairsville, OH
Snow, Carlos	RB	5-9 190	Cincinnati, OH

* denotes junior college transfer

PURDUE

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
3	Beeks, Ronnie	FS	5-11 199	Sr.	Carson, CA
40	Bonds, Caleb	FB	5-10 212	Sr.	Waukegan, IL
20	Briggs, Jonathan*	K	5-11 175	Sr.	W. Lafayette, IN
69	Brineman, Bruce	OL	6-6 274	So.	Ft. Wayne, IN
72	Brown, Kieth*	OT	6-2 278	Sr.	Paris, KY
82	Bulger, Dan	DE	6-5 240	Jr.	Pequannock, NJ
24	Chaney, Jerry*	TB	5-8 188	Sr.	Port Arthur, TX
78	Connors, Mike*	OT	6-4 272	Sr.	Chicago, IL
43	Conover, Scott	DE	6-4 235	Fr.	Freehold, NJ
63	Crites, Bruce*	OG	6-2 255	Jr.	Warren, OH
65	Dapp, Brian	OT	6-5 273	So.	Auburn, IN
30	Davis, Brad	CB	5-11 180	So.	New Hartford, NY
75	Davison, Tod	OT	6-6 282	Fr.	Rensselaer, IN
19	Dishman, Cris	CB	6-0 166	Sr.	Louisville, KY
93	Dotson, Dennis	DE	6-4 220	So.	Tucker, GA
14	Downing, Doug	QB	6-1 210	Sr.	Lafayette, IN
58	Flournoy, Rob	MLB	6-0 221	So.	N. Palm Beach, FL
31	Foster, Marc*	FS	5-11 192	Jr.	Philadelphia, PA
29	Friendly, Cornelious	TB	6-0 181	Fr.	Altamonte Spgs., FL
8	Gelov, Ted	WR	5-9 162	Sr.	Chicago, IL
98	Gildea, Bill*	DT	6-1 260	Sr.	Duncansville, PA
21	Grant, Tony*	FB	6-0 230	Sr.	Jeffersonville, IN
11	Hardy, Anthony	WR	5-8 155	Sr.	Laurel, MS
92	Hitchcock, Bill*	DT	6-4 268	So.	Kirkland, PQ
7	Huber, Jeff	QB	6-4 175	Sr.	Palatine, IL
18	Kalinowski, Scott*	SS	6-1 186	So.	N. Olmsted, OH
50	Kaminski, Chris	C	5-11 160	Jr.	Steamboat Spgs., CO
70	Keevers, Chris*	DT	6-2 262	Sr.	Noblesville, IN
2	Kelson, Derrick	CB	6-0 179	So.	Warren, OH
73	Kraker, Bill	OL	6-4 266	Fr.	Brunswick, OH
94	Kushner, Ken	DT	6-5 285	So.	Cincinnati, OH
41	Leggett, Donzel	DE	6-5 222	Fr.	Key West, FL
13	Marchetti, Marc	SS	6-0 202	Jr.	Santa Ana, CA
17	Martin, Nat	SS	6-2 194	So.	Garland, TX
5	McCarthy, Shawn*	P-QB	6-7 214	So.	Fremont, OH
6	McCline, Lorenzo	TB	5-11 194	So.	St. Louis, MO
34	Medlock, James*	RB	6-2 226	Sr.	Waycross, GA
52	Miller, Greg	DT	6-2 248	So.	Findlay, OH
59	Morgan, Matt	MLB	6-2 232	Sr.	Chicago, IL

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
33	Myles, Darren	TB	5-8 180	Jr.	New Orleans, LA
36	Nelson, Scott	FB	6-0 218	Jr.	Davisburg, MI
95	Nichols, Eric	TE	6-2 225	So.	Bloomington, IN
39	Norman, Keith	OLB	6-2 230	Jr.	Dow, IL
84	O'Connor, Dwayne	TE	6-3 219	So.	Elkhart, IN
61	Payne, Dan	OL	6-6 287	Jr.	Port Coquitlam, BC
67	Reynolds, Rob	OG	6-4 271	So.	W. Vancouver, BC
79	Richmond, Jim	OL	6-5 289	Sr.	El Cajon, CA
68	Rose, Anthony	OG	6-1 285	Sr.	Elizabeth, NJ
32	Rush, Gordon	FS	5-10 195	So.	Gretna, LA
81	Scheib, Lance	FL	6-0 180	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
74	Schult, Scott	DE	6-3 225	So.	Las Vegas, NV
16	Schramayr, Ernie	FB	5-9 224	Jr.	Dlld. d. Orm's, PQ
85	Schumacher, Brad	TE	6-7 250	Sr.	Addison, IL
48	Strickland, Fred*	MLB	6-2 226	Sr.	Ringwood, NJ
83	Turner, Kelly	WR	6-2 193	Fr.	Piscataway, NJ
90	Vavroch, Tony	MLB	6-2 225	Jr.	Charleston, IL
49	Visco, Tony*	DE	6-4 243	Sr.	Mississauga, ON
88	Williams, Calvin*	FL	5-11 192	So.	Baltimore, MD
47	Williams, Jerrol	OLB	6-5 226	Jr.	Las Vegas, NV
77	Zammit, Darryl	DT	6-3 260	Fr.	Dearborn, MI

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (7); Kickers (2).

BOILERMAKER RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 276 Otis Armstrong vs. Indiana, 1972
Season: 1361 Otis Armstrong, 1972
Career: 3315 Otis Armstrong, 1970-72

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 516 Scott Campbell vs. Ohio St., 1981
Season: 3651 Jim Everett, 1985
Career: 9946 Mark Herrmann, 1977-80

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 15 Rodney Carter vs. Ohio St., 1985
Season: 98 Rodney Carter, 1985
Career: 181 Rodney Carter, 1982-85

Longest Run: 94 Mike Pruitt vs. Iowa, 1974
Longest Pass: 95 Len Dawson to Erich Barnes vs. Northwestern, 1955

* (Includes Bowl Games)

Information provided by Mark Adams, Sports Information Coordinator.

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 3-8-0; 2-6-0 T8th Big Ten.
Head Coach: Fred Akers (Purdue record: 0-0;
Overall record: 96-44-2), Arkansas '60.
Offensive Coordinator: Bob Stanley, Texas '68.
Defensive Coordinator: Phil Bennett, Texas A&M '77.
Offense: Pro-set. Defense: 4-3.
All-Star Candidates: MLB-Fred Strickland, DE-Tony Visco, TB-Jerry Chaney, RB-James Medlock, K-Jonathan Briggs.

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Borman, Mike	B	6-3 185	Omaha, NE
Broussard, Reggie	DB	6-1 180	Galveston, TX
Brown, Tony	DB	5-11 170	Giddings, TX
Burns, Kris	L	6-2 250	Ft. Wayne, IN
Dressel, Bob	L	6-5 230	Bryant, IN
Drossos, Chris	LB	6-3 225	Carmel, IN
Fross, Mike	OT	6-5 265	Crown Point, IN
Gasbarro, Andy	FB-NG	6-0 225	Olympia Fields, IL
Hardin, Robert	L	6-4 215	Louisville, KY
*House, Mike	DT	6-5 270	Peoria, IL
Jackson, Steve	B	5-9 175	Houston, TX
Johnson, Terry	B	6-2 185	Jefferson, TX
Mascheck, Mike	QB	6-2 185	San Antonio, TX
Mooney, Keith	LB	6-3 226	Rockford, IL
Moore, Todd	WR	6-2 190	Round Rock, TX
*Oglesby, Robert	WR	5-9 165	Detroit, MI
Scalles, Jarrett	B	5-11 185	Houston, TX
Schmidt, Derrick	L	6-4 255	Worthington, OH
Smith, Rick	DB	6-0 180	Dayton, OH
Sparkman, Jerome	RB	6-2 215	Indianapolis, IN
Sullivan, Larry	K	6-2 180	Bartlett, IL
Szafarski, Bob	L	6-3 255	W. Springs, IL
Taylor, Randy	L	6-6 265	Lansing, IL
Tinsley, Lee	B	5-10 180	Shelbyville, KY
Treski, Brian	TE	6-4 235	Countryside, IL
Troutman, Todd	L	6-6 220	Sycamore, IL
Wagner, Julian	DB	5-11 170	Cincinnati, OH
Walden, Corey	DB	6-1 180	Chicago, IL
Wilson, Keith	L	6-2 250	Marion, IN
Wormsley, Jim	L	6-4 272	Carpentersville, IL

* denotes junior college transfer

** denotes major college transfer

Major College Coaching Changes

School	Head Coach	Former Head Coach
Alabama	Bill Curry (Georgia Tech h.c.)	Ray Perkins
Arizona	Dick Tomey (Hawaii h.c.)	Larry Smith
California	Bruce Snyder (L.A. Rams ass't)	Joe Kapp
Duke	Steve Spurrier (Tampa Bay, USFL, h.c.)	Steve Sloan
Georgia Tech	Bobby Ross (Maryland h.c.)	Bill Curry
Hawaii	Bob Wagner (Hawaii ass't)	Dick Tomey
Houston	Jack Pardee (Houston, USFL, h.c.)	Bill Yeoman
Iowa State	Jim Walden (Wash. St. h.c.)	Jim Criner
Long Beach State	Larry Reisbig (Pasadena Cty. Coll.)	Mike Sheppard
LSU	Mike Archer (LSU ass't)	Bill Arnsparger
Maryland	Joe Krivak (Maryland ass't)	Bobby Ross
Navy	Elliot Uzelec (Michigan ass't)	Gary Tranquill
New Mexico	Mike Sheppard (L. Bch. St. h.c.)	Joe Lee Dunn
Purdue	Fred Akers (Texas h.c.)	Leon Burtnett
Southern California	Larry Smith (Arizona h.c.)	Ted Tollner
Texas	David McWilliams (Texas Tech h.c.)	Fred Akers
Texas Tech	Spike Dykes (Texas Tech ass't)	David McWilliams
Tulsa	George Henshaw (Alabama ass't)	Don Morton
Virginia Tech	Frank Beamer (Murray St. h.c.)	Bill Dooley
Wake Forest	Bill Dooley (Virginia Tech h.c.)	Al Groh
Washington State	Dennis Erickson (Wyoming h.c.)	Jim Walden
Western Michigan	Al Molde (E. Illinois h.c.)	Jack Harbaugh
Wisconsin	Don Morton (Tulsa h.c.)	Jim Hilles
Wyoming	Paul Roach (Wyoming a.d.)	Dennis Erickson

Bowls

1986-87 SCORES

SUNKIST FIESTA	Penn State 14, Miami 10
ORANGE	Oklahoma 42, Arkansas 8
ROSE	Arizona State 22, Michigan 15
SUGAR	Nebraska 30, LSU 15
COTTON	Ohio State 28, Texas A&M 12
FLORIDA CITRUS	Auburn 16, Southern California 7
ALL-AMERICAN	Florida State 27, Indiana 13
BLUEBONNET	Baylor 21, Colorado 9
PEACH	Virginia Tech 25, North Carolina 24
HOLIDAY	Iowa 39, San Diego State 38
FREEDOM	UCLA 31, BYU 10
LIBERTY	Tennessee 21, Minnesota 14
ALOHA	Arizona 30, North Carolina 21
GATOR	Clemson 27, Stanford 21
SUN	Alabama 28, Washington 6
HALL OF FAME	Boston College 27, Georgia 24
INDEPENDENCE	Mississippi 20, Texas Tech 17
CALIFORNIA	San Jose State 37, Miami, Ohio 7

GAME HIGHS

INDIVIDUAL

Yards rushing	Gaston Green, UCLA (Freedom)	33-266
Yards passing	Mark Young, Mississippi (Ind.)	31-50-1-0TD-343
Passes caught	Travis Price, Texas Tech (Independence)	9
	Kelvin Martin, Boston College (Hall of Fame)	9
Total offense	Mark Young, Mississippi (Independence)	314
Field goals	Kent Bostrom, Arizona State (Rose)	3
Longest run	Gary Moss, Georgia (Hall of Fame)	81*
Points	Gaston Green, UCLA (Freedom)	18
	Brad Muster, Stanford (Gator)	18

*Interception return

TEAM

Yards rushing	UCLA (Freedom)	423
Yards passing	Mississippi (Independence)	343
Total offense	UCLA (Freedom)	518
Total plays	Miami (Fiesta)	93
Rushing defense	San Jose State (California)	24
Passing defense	Arkansas (Orange)	47**
Total defense	Auburn (Florida Citrus)	157
Most points	Oklahoma (Orange)	42

**Oklahoma threw only five passes, completing two. Indiana allowed 54 yards on 14 passes and six completions against Florida State in All-American Bowl.

1987-88 GAMES

Dec. 12	California Bowl	4:00 p.m.	Fresno, CA	Dec. 31	All-American Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Birmingham, AL
Dec. 19	Independence Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Shreveport, LA	Dec. 31	Bluebonnet Bowl	9:00 p.m.	Houston, TX
Dec. 25	Sun Bowl	2:30 p.m.	El Paso, TX	Jan. 1	Florida Citrus Bowl	12:00 p.m.	Orlando, FL
Dec. 25	Aloha Bowl	3:45 p.m.	Honolulu, HI	Jan. 1	Cotton Bowl	1:30 p.m.	Dallas, TX
Dec. 29	Hall of Fame Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Tampa, FL	Jan. 1	Rose Bowl	5:00 p.m.	Pasadena, CA
Dec. 29	Liberty Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Memphis, TN	Jan. 1	Sugar Bowl	8:00 p.m.	New Orleans, LA
Dec. 30	Freedom Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Anaheim, CA	Jan. 1	Orange Bowl	8:00 p.m.	Miami, FL
Dec. 30	Holiday Bowl	8:00 p.m.	San Diego, CA	Jan. 1 or 2	Sunkist Fiesta Bowl	TBA	Tempe, AZ
Dec. 31	Gator Bowl	2:30 p.m.	Jacksonville, FL	Jan. 2	Peach Bowl	2:00 p.m.	Atlanta, GA

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Athlon's Trivia Quiz

TWENTY QUESTIONS

1. What wide receiver in the Southeastern Conference is the son of an NFL head coach?
2. What four Big Eight players finished in the top 10 in the Heisman Trophy balloting in 1972?
3. Former Southern California Trojans have appeared in every Super Bowl except one. Which one?
4. In 1987 Kevin Murray set a Cotton Bowl record by throwing six interceptions. Whose record did he break?
5. In 1976 and 1977 the Southwest Conference had three kickers who made headlines by combining for eight field goals of 60 yards or longer. Who were they?
6. Who was the last defensive player to be named MVP in the Big Ten?
7. How many of the 105 Division I-A teams have never played in a bowl game?
8. Who was the only man voted into the college football, pro football and baseball Hall of Fame?
9. What Heisman Trophy winner also played in the NCAA basketball tournament as a senior?
10. What is the oldest college football stadium still standing?
11. When were uniforms first used in a college football game?
12. Who was the world-famous artist, especially of the American West, who lettered on Yale's undefeated 1879 team?
13. Who is the only coach to win both the NCAA and NFL championships?
14. Who is the only man to coach teams from both the Big Ten and Pac-10 in the Rose Bowl?
15. Who is the only coach to win a national championship (AP poll) in his first season as head coach?
16. When was admission first charged at a college football game and how much was it?
17. What was the last team to beat the Oklahoma Sooners before their record-setting winning streak of 47 games from 1953 to 1957? Where was the game played and what was the score?
18. Who caught Doug Flutie's "Hail Mary" pass, a 45-yarder as time ran out, in the Nov. 23, 1984, game against Miami that gave Boston College a 47-45 win?
19. Name the four members of the Baseball Hall of Fame who lettered in Div. I-A football.
20. What former major league baseball player led USC in rushing, punt returns, kickoff returns and tied for the team lead in interceptions his senior year?

MATCH THE PLAYERS WITH THEIR NICKNAMES

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|-----------------------|---|
| 1. Biggie | (a) Red Grange (Illinois, 1923-25) |
| 2. Bump | (b) Johnny Jones (Texas, 1976-79) |
| 3. Cotton | (c) John Kelly (Kentucky, 1929-31) |
| 4. Hootie | (d) Marshall Goldberg (Pittsburgh, 1936-38) |
| 5. Lam | (e) Cecil Ingram (Alabama, 1952-54) |
| 6. Tarzan | (f) Lee Nalley (Vanderbilt, 1947-49) |
| 7. Shipwreck | (g) Chalmers Elliot (Michigan, 1947-48) |
| 8. Long Gone | (h) Arthur White (Alabama, 1934-36) |
| 9. The Wheaton Iceman | (i) Ed Jones (Tennessee State, 1970-73) |
| 10. Too Tall | (j) Irvine Warburton (USC, 1932-34) |

FANTASTIC FEATS

- The 1900 and 1902 Yale teams both had seven first team All-Americans.
- Notre Dame has won the most national titles since 1936 with seven; Yale had the most from 1883 to 1935 with 11.
- It has been 51 years since the last regular season without a perfect record; the 1936 national champion Minnesota team went 7-1.
- Roger Maris (61 homers in 1961) set a still-existing high school record as he returned four kickoffs for touchdowns in one game for Fargo (N.D.) Shanley in 1951. In another game, Maris scored five TDs on runs of 90, 88, 45, 32 and 25 yards and kicked two EPs as Shanley won 33-20. He went to Oklahoma but didn't stay.
- On Oct. 18, 1941, Wisconsin held Iowa to minus 19 total yards offensively; 68 passing, minus 87 rushing.
- On Nov. 8, 1980, Dave Wilson of Illinois set the record for most yards passing in a single game: 621.

TRIVIA ANSWERS: (1.) Mark Berry of Vanderbilt, son of New England Coach Raymond Berry. (2.) Johnny Rodgers (1st/Neb.), Greg Pruitt (2nd/Okla.), Rich Glover (3rd/Neb.), George Admunsen (7th/Iowa St.). (3.) Super Bowl III, N.Y. Jets vs. Baltimore Colts, 1969. (4.) Joe Montana of Notre Dame threw four in 1977. (5.) Russ Exlebe, Texas (3), Tony Franklin, Texas A&M (3) and Steve Little, Arkansas (2). (6.) Don Thorp, DT, Illinois, 1983. (7.) None. (8.) Cal Hubbard. (9.) Terry Baker of Oregon State (1962-63). (10.) Harvard Stadium, built in 1903, holds 37,289. (11.) November 13, 1875—Yale dressed in blue, Harvard in crimson. (12.) Frederic Remington. (13.) Paul Brown—Ohio State 1942 (NCAA) Cleveland Browns 1950, 1954-55 (NFL). (14.) Pete Elliot—California 1959 (lost 38-12 to Iowa); Illinois 1964 (defeated Washington 17-7). (15.) Bennie Oosterbaan of Michigan in 1948. (16.) November 16, 1872, Columbia vs. Yale, Price: 25 cents. (17.) Notre Dame, Norman, Okla., 28-21 in 1953 opener. (18.) Gerard Phelan. (19.) Jackie Robinson (UCLA), Lou Gehrig (Columbia), Frankie Frisch (Fordham), Christy Mathewson (Bucknell). (20.) Don Buford. **NAMES:** 1. (d) 2. (g) 3. (j) 4. (e) 5. (b) 6. (h) 7. (c) 8. (f) 9. (a) 10. (i).

WISCONSIN

QUICK FACTS

1986 Record: 3-9-0; 2-6-0 T8th Big Ten.
Head Coach: Don Morton (Wisconsin record: 0-0; Overall record: 70-24-0), Augustana (Ill.) '69.
Offensive Coordinator: Pat Simmers, North Dakota St. '74.
Defensive Coordinator: Mike Daly, Augustana (S.D.) '71.
Offense: Veer. **Defense:** 4-4.
All-Star Candidates: OG-Paul Gruber, OT-Glenn Derby, C-Rodney Lossow, TE-Brian Anderson, QB-Bud Keyes, K-Todd Gregoire, P-Scott Cepicky, INV-Dan Kissling.

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
88	Anderson, Brian*	TE	6-5 235	Jr.	Madison, WI
92	Antonie, Bill	NG	6-3 241	Jr.	Madison, WI
34	Artley, Marvin	RB	6-1 235	Jr.	Chicago, IL
64	Ashby, Solomon	OG	6-4 251	Jr.	Portsmouth, VA
74	Banaszak, John	DL	6-5 249	Jr.	Calumet City, IL
16	Bateman, D.	CB	5-11 175	So.	Atlanta, GA
94	Batsch, Dan	DL	6-5 217	So.	Cincinnati, OH
39	Bestor, Scott*	WR	5-11 180	Jr.	Platteville, WI
3	Burks, David	WR	6-0 188	Jr.	Flint, MI
69	Butler, Jerry	C	6-5 256	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
18	Cepicky, Scott*	P	6-3 228	Sr.	St. Louis, MO
9	Chryst, Paul	QB	6-2 215	Jr.	Platteville, WI
59	Cunningham, J.	DL	6-4 225	So.	Newport News, VA
91	Davey, Don	DL	6-5 227	So.	Manitowoc, WI
79	Derby, Glenn*	OT	6-6 290	Sr.	Oconomowoc, WI
31	Ford, Eric	RB	6-0 201	So.	Detroit, MI
49	Fortino, Victor	ILB	6-3 212	Jr.	Bloomington, IL
5	Gregoire, Todd*	K	5-11 195	Sr.	Green Bay, WI
62	Gruber, Paul*	OG	6-4 291	Sr.	Prairie du Sac, WI
30	Hartleib, Andy	INV	6-0 222	Jr.	Woodstock, IL
87	Howell, Daniel	TE	6-3 229	Jr.	Alliance, OH
81	Hudson, Craig	INV	6-3 227	Jr.	Aurora, IL
32	Hunt, Leon	RB	5-10 197	Jr.	Trenton, NJ
65	Johnson, Leon	DT	6-4 247	Jr.	Decatur, GA
41	Johnson, Scott	ILB	6-3 234	Jr.	Madison, WI
14	Kennedy, Brant	TE	6-4 235	Sr.	Elkhart, IN
12	Keyes, Bud*	QB	6-3 202	Jr.	Green Bay, WI
44	Kissling, Dan	INV	6-2 230	So.	Oregon, WI
93	Knoeck, Tim	INV	6-3 219	Jr.	Edgar, WI
19	Kowalski, Tim	QB-P	6-1 212	Jr.	Marinette, WI
61	Lossow, Rodney*	C	6-3 252	Sr.	Minneapolis, MN
37	Mayo, Brad	CB	5-9 170	Jr.	West Orange, NJ
75	Nelson, Todd*	OT	6-5 270	Jr.	Madison, WI
46	Newell, Robert	ILB	6-2 210	So.	Cleveland, OH
8	Nowka, Pete*	S	6-1 184	Jr.	Mt. Horeb, WI
81	Osmon, Chris	TE	6-2 241	Fr.	Kenosha, WI
54	Otto, Tim	L	6-4 255	So.	Grafton, WI
19	Partington, Paul	INV	5-11 187	Jr.	Schaumburg, IL
71	Peterson, Keith	OT	6-5 264	Sr.	Waukesha, WI

No.	Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Cl.	Hometown
56	Polczynski, Nick	OG	6-5 278	So.	Oconto Falls, WI
50	Rapps, David	DL	6-5 248	So.	Washburn, WI
33	Rose, Bill	RB	6-0 215	Jr.	Clinton, IA
26	Ross, James	WR	6-0 167	Jr.	Decatur, GA
58	Rux, Steve	C	6-3 245	Sr.	Oconomowoc, WI
53	Senczynski, David	DL	6-5 237	So.	Greenfield, WI
67	Smrek, Michael	OT	6-5 256	Jr.	Ft. Atkinson, WI
68	Strauser, David	OG	6-4 248	So.	Madison, WI
90	Swopes, Aaron	INV	6-2 198	Sr.	N. Chicago, IL
4	Tams, Mike	INV	6-0 205	So.	Oak Lawn, IL
27	Thomas, Greg	S	6-2 183	So.	McKeesport, PA
60	VandeZande, Chad	DL	6-3 255	Jr.	Oconomowoc, WI
22	Vinci, Steve	RB	5-10 202	Jr.	Arlington Hgts., IL
10	Wagner, Jeff	S	6-1 186	Sr.	Marshfield, WI
2	Wallace, Steve	CB	6-2 189	Jr.	Indianapolis, IN
28	Washington, Tyrann	WR	5-11 190	So.	St. Louis, MO
21	White, LaMarr	CB	5-9 171	So.	St. Louis, MO
86	Williams, Bill, Jr.	WR	6-3 202	So.	Pittsburgh, PA
4	Williams, Robert	CB	6-1 185	Sr.	Danville, IL
48	Wings, David	ILB	6-1 238	Jr.	Mundelein, IL
72	Wolf, Jeff	DT	6-3 259	Jr.	S. Milwaukee, WI

*Denotes Returning Starter: Offense (7); Defense (1); Kickers (2).

1987 SIGNEES

Name	Pos.	Ht.-Wt.	Hometown
Barkley, Matt	DL	6-6 220	McKeesport, PA
Boyke, Scott	DL	6-5 230	Elmhurst, IL
Brown, George	WR	6-2 175	Milwaukee, WI
Curtis, Louis, Jr.	RB	5-9 175	Oklahoma City, OK
Filiatraut, John	TE-LB	6-7 205	Livonia, MI
Fletcher, Eddie, Jr.	DB	5-9 170	Dallas, TX
Flowers, Otis	QB	5-11 170	Houston, TX
Gerrits, Sam	DL	6-5 227	Grafton, WI
Godfrey, Rick	C-DL	6-4 235	St. Charles, IL
Huggett, Jerry	LB	6-4 225	Waukesha, WI
Hunter, Malvin	LB	6-3 210	Harvey, IL
Johnson, Malcolm	RB	6-2 205	Madison, WI
Krieger, Jeff	TE	6-6 210	Fridley, MN
Lowery, Tony	QB	6-4 170	Columbus, OH
Lynch, Brendan	RB-LB	6-2 210	Hinsdale, IL
Mahone, Tyrone	WR-DB	5-11 170	Columbus, GA
Mangum, Mark	QB	5-11 170	Austin, TX
Miller, Jeff	OL	6-5 280	Manitowoc, WI
Peterson, Phil	TE-LB	6-3 235	Amery, WI
Reiman, Craig	LB	6-3 205	Wisc. Rapids, WI
Robinson, Rafael	RB	5-11 190	Jefferson, TX
Underwood, Pete	LB	6-2 205	Waterloo, WI
Williams, John L.	FS	6-1 200	Houston, TX

BADGER RECORDS

MOST YARDS RUSHING

Game: 304 Bill Marek vs. Minnesota, 1974
 Season: 1281 Bill Marek, 1975
 Career: 3709 Bill Marek, 1972-75

MOST YARDS PASSING

Game: 401 Ron VanderKelen vs. USC, 1963
 Season: 2329 Randy Wright, 1983
 Career: 4697 Randy Wright, 1981-83

MOST PASSES CAUGHT

Game: 11 Louis Jung vs. Colorado, 1965
 Season: 54 Al Toon, 1984
 Career: 131 Al Toon, 1981-84

Longest Run: 91 Tom Brigham vs. Western Mich., 1963
 Longest Pass: 87 Randy Wright to Tim Stracka vs. Kansas St., 1982

* (Includes Bowl Games)

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1986 NCAA INDIVIDUAL LEADERS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

PASSING LEADERS											
			Cmp.			Int.	Yds./		TD	TD	Rating
(Min. 15 att. per game)	Cl.	G	Att.	Cmp.	Pct.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	Att.	TD	Pct. Points
Vinny Testaverde, Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	10	276	175	63.4	9	3.3	2557	9.3	26	9.4 165.8
Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	Sr.	12	254	167	65.7	8	3.1	2557	10.1	10	3.9 157.0
Dave Yarema, Michigan State	Sr.	11	297	200	67.3	11	3.7	2581	8.7	16	5.4 150.7
Shawn Halloran, Boston College	Sr.	10	258	159	61.6	6	2.3	2090	8.1	17	6.6 146.8
Mark Vlasic, Iowa	Sr.	9	152	93	61.2	4	2.6	1234	8.1	9	5.9 143.7
Tom Hodson, Louisiana State	Fr.	11	288	175	60.8	8	2.8	2261	7.9	19	6.6 142.9
Jeff Francis, Tennessee	So.	11	233	150	64.4	6	2.6	1946	8.4	9	3.9 142.1
Lee Saltz, Temple	Sr.	11	203	117	57.6	7	3.4	1727	8.5	12	5.9 141.7
Jeff Van Raaphorst, Arizona State	Sr.	11	239	144	60.3	11	4.6	1988	8.3	15	6.3 141.6
Ned James, New Mexico	Sr.	11	215	125	58.1	8	3.7	1777	8.3	14	6.5 141.6

PUNTING

(Min. 3.6 per game)	Cl.	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Greg Horne, Arkansas	Sr.	49	2313	47.2
Alexander Waits, Texas	Fr.	48	2214	46.1
Chris Becker, Texas Christian	So.	59	2717	46.0
Barry Helton, Colorado	Jr.	57	2599	45.6
Bill Smith, Mississippi	Sr.	57	2522	44.2
Brian Shulman, Auburn	So.	49	2161	44.1
Cris Carpenter, Georgia	So.	41	1808	44.1
Mike Preacher, Oregon	Sr.	49	2143	43.7
Mark Simon, Air Force	Sr.	63	2754	43.7
Tom Tupa, Ohio State	Jr.	50	2180	43.6

RUSHING

	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Paul Palmer, Temple	Sr.	11	346	1866	5.4	15	169.6
Kelvin Farmer, Toledo	Sr.	11	299	1532	5.1	16	139.3
Steve Bartalo, Colorado State	Sr.	11	366	1419	3.9	19	129.0
Brent Fullwood, Auburn	Sr.	11	167	1391	8.3	10	126.5
Derrick Fenner, North Carolina	So.	10	200	1250	6.3	6	125.0
Rodney Stevenson, Cen. Michigan	So.	9	208	1104	5.3	14	122.7
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	So.	12	236	1471	6.2	15	122.6
Reggie Taylor, Cincinnati	Sr.	11	256	1325	5.2	11	120.5
Troy Stradford, Boston College	Sr.	10	218	1188	5.4	10	118.8
Rick Calhoun, Cal St. Fullerton	Sr.	12	259	1398	5.4	11	116.5

Steve Bartalo, Colorado State	Sr.	11	19	0	0	114	10.4
Rodney Stevenson, Central Michigan	So.	9	14	0	0	84	9.3
Lars Tate, Georgia	Jr.	11	17	0	0	102	9.3
Scott Slater, Texas A&M	Jr.	11	0	37	21	100	9.1
Gary Coston, Arizona	Fr.	11	0	34	21	97	8.8
Tim Lashar, Oklahoma	Sr.	11	0	60	12	96	8.7
Barry Belli, Fresno State	Jr.	11	0	33	21	96	8.7
Kelvin Farmer, Toledo	Sr.	11	16	0	0	96	8.7
Bobby Humphrey, Alabama	So.	12	17	2	0	104	8.7
Chris Kinzer, Virginia Tech	So.	11	0	27	22	93	8.5
Jeff Jaeger, Washington	Sr.	11	0	42	17	93	8.5

SCORING

	Cl.	G	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Mark Templeton, Long Beach St.	Sr.	99	688	9.0			
Loren Richey, Utah	Jr.	67	775	7.4			
Wendell Davis, Louisiana State	Jr.	80	1244	7.3			
Dave Montagne, Oregon State	Sr.	78	862	7.1			
Sterling Sharpe, South Carolina	Jr.	74	1106	6.7			
Guy Liggins, San Jose State	Jr.	72	983	6.5			
Marc Zeno, Tulane	Jr.	68	1033	6.2			
James Brim, Wake Forest	Sr.	66	930	6.0			
Rod Bernstein, Texas A&M	Sr.	65	710	5.9			
Craig McEwen, Utah	Sr.	64	721	5.8			

TOTAL OFFENSE

	Cl.	Car.	Gain	Loss	Net	PASSING	Yds.	Pts.	Yds.	YDPL	TD	YPG
Mike Perez, San Jose State	Jr.	41	141	106	35	384	2934	425	2969	7.0	14	329.9
Todd Ellis, South Carolina	Fr.	96	221	266	-45	340	3020	436	2975	6.8	23	270.5
Cody Carlson, Baylor	Sr.	107	535	179	356	287	2284	394	2640	6.7	13	264.0
Sammy Garza, UTEP	Sr.	93	205	343	-138	410	3140	503	3002	6.0	24	250.2
Vinny Testaverde, Miami (Fla.)	Sr.	46	131	234	-103	276	2557	322	2454	7.6	30	245.4
Mike Elkins, Wake Forest	So.	20	23	121	-98	380	2541	400	2443	6.1	17	244.3
Dan Henning, Maryland	Jr.	65	171	215	-44	353	2725	418	2681	6.4	16	243.7
Terrence Jones, Tulane	So.	158	780	233	547	284	2124	442	2671	6.0	18	242.8
Erik Wilhelm, Oregon State	So.	75	122	328	-206	470	2871	545	2665	4.9	9	242.3
Larry Egger, Utah	Sr.	46	41	177	-136	382	2761	428	2625	6.1	21	238.6

RECEIVING

	Cl.	Cl.	Yds.	CTPG
Mark Templeton, Long Beach St.	Sr.	99	688	9.0
Loren Richey, Utah	Jr.	67	775	7.4
Wendell Davis, Louisiana State	Jr.	80	1244	7.3
Dave Montagne, Oregon State	Sr.	78	862	7.1
Sterling Sharpe, South Carolina	Jr.	74	1106	6.7
Guy Liggins, San Jose State	Jr.	72	983	6.5
Marc Zeno, Tulane	Jr.	68	1033	6.2
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Emfinger's Top 100

Name-Position	Ht.	Wt.	Hometown	College
1. Randy Simmons, rb	6-2	215	McKinney, Texas	Texas A&M
2. Mickey Joseph, qb	5-10	175	New Orleans, La.	Nebraska
3. Stacey Dillard, dt	6-7	285	Clarksville, Texas	Oklahoma
4. Claude Jones, og	6-3	265	Fort Lauderdale, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
5. Darnell Dickerson, qb	6-4	200	Detroit, Mich.	Pittsburgh
6. Darren Lewis, rb	5-10	205	Dallas, Texas	Texas A&M
7. Louis Riddick, s	6-3	205	Perkasie, Pa.	Pittsburgh
8. Anthony Ray, rb	6-2	215	Wharton, Texas	Baylor
9. Leroy Thompson, rb	5-11	200	Knoxville, Tenn.	Penn State
10. Frank Jacobs, te	6-5	226	Cincinnati, Ohio	Notre Dame
11. John Derby, ilb	6-2	225	Oconomowoc, Wis.	Iowa
12. Leotis Flowers, rb	6-0	190	Omaha, Neb.	Nebraska
13. John Johnson, de	6-3	215	La Grange, Ga.	Clemson
14. David Rocker, dt	6-4	260	Atlanta, Ga.	Auburn
15. Marc Spindler, dt	6-5	265	West Scranton, Pa.	Pittsburgh
16. Johnny Walker, wr	6-0	170	San Antonio, Texas	Texas
17. Tony Brooks, rb	6-2	215	Tulsa, Okla.	Notre Dame
18. Junior Seau, olb	6-3	225	Oceanside, Calif.	USC
19. Rob Phenix, dt	6-8	270	Rosemount, Minn.	Texas Christian
20. Brian Kelly, ot	6-5	250	Walteria, Calif.	UCLA
21. Dean Dingman, og	6-3	265	East Troy, Wis.	Michigan
22. Ryan Shea, og	6-4	235	Sacramento, Calif.	Stanford
23. George Hemingway, rb	6-2	225	Colton, Calif.	Colorado
24. Paul Moore, rb	6-1	225	Miami, Fla.	Florida State
25. Tommy Booker, rb	6-1	195	Vista, Calif.	San Diego State
26. Mike Gaddis, rb	6-2	200	Midwest City, Okla.	Oklahoma
27. Kenny Ford, qb	6-0	175	Port Arthur, Texas	Oklahoma State
28. LeMonte Tellis, og	6-4	275	Dunwoody, Ga.	Georgia
29. Mike Brandon, dt	6-4	245	Perry, Fla.	Florida
30. Jeff Huff, l	6-3	272	Deer Park, Texas	Texas A&M
31. Anthony Morgan, wr	6-1	198	Cleveland, Ohio	Tennessee
32. Keith McCants, ilb	6-4	236	Mobile, Ala.	Alabama
33. Mark D'Onofrio, ilb	6-3	228	North Bergen, N.J.	Penn State
34. Tripp Welborne, wr	6-1	188	Greensboro, N.C.	Michigan
35. Alfred Williams, de	6-6	230	Houston, Texas	Colorado
36. Matt Britton, ilb	6-3	220	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
37. Barry Foster, rb	5-11	190	Duncanville, Texas	Arkansas
38. Jason Palumbis, qb	6-3	205	Lake Oswego, Oregon	Stanford
39. Matt Darby, s	6-2	180	Virginia Beach, Va.	UCLA
40. Joey Allen, ot	6-5	255	Chicago, Ill.	Notre Dame
41. Paul Siever, ot	6-5	245	Downingtown, Pa.	Penn State
42. Patrick Rowe, wr	6-1	180	San Diego, Calif.	San Diego State
43. George Williams, nt	6-4	280	Willingboro, N.J.	Notre Dame
44. Craig Erickson, qb	6-2	185	W. Palm Beach, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
45. Doug Scott, rb	6-4	230	Iowa City, Iowa	Iowa
46. Steve Ramer, olb	6-3	219	Monroeville, Ala.	Alabama
47. Eugene Burkhalter, s	6-1	180	Long Beach, Calif.	Washington
48. Keith Traylor, ilb	6-4	220	Malvern, Ark.	Undecided
49. Kelvin Pritchett, dt	6-3	260	Atlanta, Ga.	Mississippi
50. Chris Parker, rb	6-1	198	Jacksonville, Fla.	Florida State
51. Kelvin Hankins, ot	6-5	265	Camden, N.J.	Clemson
52. Lance Flachsbarth, qb	6-5	210	Lawrence, Kan.	Kansas
53. Deems May, qb	6-5	200	Lexington, N.C.	North Carolina
54. Derek Russell, wr	6-1	185	Little Rock, Ark.	Arkansas
55. John Stewart, rb	6-2	215	Riceboro, Ga.	Auburn
56. Eric Bush, qb	6-3	185	Quincy, Ill.	Michigan
57. Carlos Snow, rb	5-8	190	Cincinnati, Ohio	Ohio State
58. Brad Culpepper, og	6-2	253	Tallahassee, Fla.	Florida
59. Dave Turner, og	6-4	245	Clinton, Iowa	Iowa
60. Dave Diebolt, te	6-4	235	Mayfield, Ohio	Michigan
61. Emmitt Smith, rb	5-10	185	Pensacola, Fla.	Florida
62. Sean Howard, olb	6-4	220	Woodland Hills, Calif.	UCLA
63. Ricky Watters, rb	6-3	180	Harrisburg, Pa.	Notre Dame
64. Nelson Walker, dt	6-3	250	Donora, Pa.	Pittsburgh
65. Kent Graham, qb	6-5	225	Wheaton, Ill.	Notre Dame
66. Greg Skrepenak, ot	6-8	305	Wilkes-Barre, Pa.	Michigan
67. Nate Turner, wr	6-1	205	Chicago, Ill.	Nebraska
68. Chris Zorich, ilb	6-1	240	Chicago, Ill.	Notre Dame
69. Scott Spalding, ot	6-5	250	El Toro, Calif.	UCLA
70. Chris Drossos, olb	6-3	225	Carmel, Ind.	Purdue
71. Randal Hill, cb	5-11	175	Miami, Fla.	Miami (Fla.)
72. Dwayne Spann, c	6-6	290	La Porte, Texas	Arkansas
73. Jerry Parks, cb	5-9	170	Fort Bend, Texas	Oklahoma
74. Andy Kelly, qb	6-4	200	Evensville, Tenn.	Tennessee
75. Eddie Miller, wr	6-0	178	Decatur, Ga.	South Carolina
76. Ricky Vestal, qb	6-4	205	Houston, Tex.	Baylor
77. Andre Jones, ilb	6-4	220	Hyattsville, Md.	Notre Dame
78. Leonard Russell, rb	6-2	218	Long Beach, Calif.	Arizona State
79. Augusto Palma, wr	6-2	190	Brookhaven, N.Y.	Illinois
80. Frank Hatchett, rb	5-11	185	El Dorado, Kan.	Kansas
81. Jeff Ellis, te	6-4	225	Louisville, Ky.	Ohio State
82. Andre Farr, de	6-3	235	Richmond, Calif.	UCLA
83. Torun Robinson, nt	6-2	266	McComb, Miss.	ISU
84. Steve Webb, de	6-3	238	Holt, Ala.	Alabama
85. Eric Holzworth, olb	6-3	222	Pittsburgh, Pa.	Pittsburgh
86. Brian Boerboom, ol	6-7	250	Colorado Springs, Colo.	Nebraska
87. Bobby Craycraft, og	6-5	275	Ashland, Ky.	Vanderbilt
88. James Rae, ot	6-5	250	Yorba Linda, Calif.	UCLA
89. Mark Benson, qb	6-4	190	Buffalo Grove, Ill.	Northwestern
90. Peter Rausch, dt	6-6	235	Fort Myers, Fla.	Notre Dame
91. Todd Lyght, wr	6-1	174	Flint, Mich.	Notre Dame
92. James Graham, rb	5-10	207	Long Beach, N.Y.	Ohio State
93. Pat Stant, olb	6-4	195	New Orleans, La.	Tulane
94. Cory Booker, te	6-4	220	Harrington Park, N.J.	Stanford
95. Cornelius Simpson, olb	6-3	215	Highland Park, Mich.	Michigan
96. Mike Morris, og	6-2	250	Miami, Fla.	Florida State
97. Pete Moore, ot	6-6	265	Mt. Pleasant, Pa.	Pittsburgh
98. Robert Henry, dt	6-6	258	Cudahy, Wis.	Michigan State
99. Rob Turner, wr	5-11	175	Indianapolis, Ind.	Indiana
100. Gary Brown, rb	5-11	187	Williamsport, Pa.	Penn State

by Gary Rausch

Like a chief mechanic working feverishly in the hours just before the Indianapolis 500, Max Emfinger fine-tuned his computer to present *Athlon* readers with the most reliable gauge of college football's 1987 top recruiting classes.

His ratings established Texas A&M as having rounded up the best freshman class. Jackie Sherrill landed the most potent knockout punch in the Southwest Conference since Eric Dickerson and Craig James arrived at Southern Methodist.

In Randy Simmons and Darren Lewis, the Aggies lassoed not just the premier running backs in Texas—Baylor will argue for equally celebrated Anthony Ray—but two of the finest in America.

However, Emfinger, publisher of *National High School Football Magazine*, didn't award the mythical recruiting title to Texas A&M on the basis of two blue-chip signees.

The Aggies were No. 1 as the result of voting by 31 coaches, who judged prospects on a 1-to-10 scale. Every member of each school's recruiting class was rated, incoming freshmen as well as transfers from two- and four-year institutions.

Then Emfinger asked his computer to add and average the points for the 15 highest-rated players at each school. Like gymnastic competition, the results sometimes differed by only one-hundredth of a point.

"For years I've used what I call a power rating," says Emfinger. "That's awarding four points to any player with a rating of 9.5 or higher, three points for 9.2 to 9.4, two for 8.8 to 9.1 and one point for anyone scoring 8.0 to 8.7. Then I'd just add all the points."

"It wasn't fair to the team that signed just 20 players versus one that signed 30. I believe taking only the top 15 is a better indicator. Down the road a few years, we'll probably see the scholarship limit dropped to 75. Schools will be taking 15 every year after normal attrition. Besides, most schools find that only about 75 kids make any kind of contribution in a given year anyway."

Surprisingly, behind A&M (139.67) were three schools coming off virtually break-even seasons: Florida (139.37), Notre Dame (139.01) and Pittsburgh (138.81). Then came last year's runner-up, UCLA, at 137.71.

"The Bruins would not have been in my top 10 without their three major college transfers," says Emfinger.

David Richards (6-5, 305) and Ben Hummel (6-4, 230), starters at SMU, became free agents when the NCAA dealt the Mustangs the "death penalty." Troy Aikman (6-4, 217) was Oklahoma's starting quarterback before a broken left leg ended his sophomore season in the fourth game of 1985.

"Richards will probably start at offensive tackle and Hummel at linebacker," says Emfinger. "A lot of schools are crying because UCLA is on a quarter system, and those kids enrolled in early April and were in spring practice a week later."

Nebraska (137.38), Miami of Florida (137.37), Arizona State (136.63), Illinois (136.55) and Oklahoma (136.29) round out this year's top 10. Then come Tennessee (136.25), Clemson (135.78), Georgia (135.74), Southern California (135.53), Penn State (135.32), Ohio State (135.04), Michigan (134.42), Purdue (134.06), LSU (134.05) and Stanford (133.67).

"Vanderbilt had its best class ever," Emfinger adds. "San Diego State was the shocker of the year, getting Tommy Booker and Patrick Rowe."

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BIG TEN 1986 REVIEW

STANDINGS

	Conf.	Overall
MICHIGAN	7-1-0	11-2-0
OHIO STATE	7-1-0	10-3-0
IOWA	5-3-0	9-3-0
MINNESOTA	5-3-0	6-6-0
MICHIGAN STATE	4-4-0	6-5-0
INDIANA	3-5-0	6-6-0
ILLINOIS	3-5-0	4-7-0
NORTHWESTERN	2-6-0	4-7-0
PURDUE	2-6-0	3-8-0
WISCONSIN	2-6-0	3-9-0

HIGHLIGHTS

Although Michigan and Ohio State shared the Big Ten Conference title, the Wolverines earned a trip to Pasadena by defeating the Buckeyes in Columbus when Ohio State kicker Matt Frantz's late field goal attempt sailed wide. Michigan ended the season losing to Arizona State 22-15 in the Rose Bowl. Four other Big 10 teams went bowling: Ohio State defeated Texas A&M 28-12 in the Cotton Bowl; Iowa edged San Diego State 39-38 in the Holiday Bowl; Minnesota and Indiana both came up short. Jim Harbaugh of Michigan, MSU's Dave Yarema and Iowa senior Mark Vlasic were among the nation's top five passers. Chris Spielman and Cris Carter, both of Ohio State, were consensus All-Americans. Big 10 teams finished 20-13 in non-conference play.

TEAM STATISTICS

RUSHING OFFENSE

Team	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Minnesota	11	545	2523	4.6	19	229.4
Michigan	12	609	2550	4.2	34	212.5
Ohio State	12	546	2368	4.3	19	197.3
Iowa	11	476	2119	4.5	24	192.6
Indiana	11	558	2117	3.8	24	192.5
Northwestern	11	496	1887	3.8	15	171.5
Michigan State	11	495	1711	3.5	19	155.5
Wisconsin	12	467	1728	3.7	11	144.0
Illinois	11	385	1198	3.1	10	108.9
Purdue	11	301	623	2.1	6	56.6

PASSING OFFENSE

Team	G	Att.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
Michigan State	11	306	205	13	67.0	2646	17	240.5
Iowa	11	296	171	13	57.8	2509	18	228.1
Michigan	12	261	169	9	64.8	2625	10	218.8
Illinois	11	396	212	17	53.5	2406	11	218.7
Purdue	11	397	211	23	53.1	2130	10	193.6
Ohio State	12	295	163	10	55.3	2312	17	192.7
Indiana	11	270	146	9	54.1	1947	7	177.0
Northwestern	11	291	147	13	50.5	1933	8	175.7
Wisconsin	12	288	150	20	52.1	1588	10	132.3
Minnesota	11	206	94	9	45.6	1327	10	120.6

TOTAL OFFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Michigan	12	870	5175	5.9	44	431.3
Iowa	11	772	4628	6.0	42	420.7
Michigan State	11	801	4357	5.4	36	396.1
Ohio State	12	841	4680	5.6	36	390.0
Indiana	11	828	4064	4.9	31	369.5
Minnesota	11	751	3850	5.1	29	350.0
Northwestern	11	787	3820	4.9	23	347.3
Illinois	11	781	3604	4.6	21	327.6
Wisconsin	12	755	3316	4.4	21	276.3
Purdue	11	698	2753	3.9	16	250.3

RUSHING DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Iowa	11	425	1129	2.7	7	102.6
Michigan State	11	417	1176	2.8	7	106.9
Michigan	12	393	1352	3.4	10	112.7
Ohio State	12	494	1772	3.6	10	147.7
Indiana	11	476	1716	3.6	15	156.0
Minnesota	11	477	1749	3.7	22	159.0
Illinois	11	529	2017	3.8	26	183.4
Wisconsin	12	577	2338	4.1	22	194.8
Northwestern	11	521	2175	4.2	16	197.7
Purdue	11	551	2282	4.1	22	207.5

PASSING DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Cmp.	Int.	Pct.	Yds.	TD	YPG
Illinois	11	266	135	8	50.8	1765	7	160.5
Northwestern	11	271	147	14	54.2	1823	13	165.7
Indiana	11	268	143	9	53.4	1902	10	172.9
Iowa	11	292	147	21	50.3	1902	11	172.9
Ohio State	12	340	177	22	52.1	2152	5	179.3
Michigan	12	371	203	15	54.7	2169	10	180.8
Michigan State	11	314	179	18	57.0	2101	15	191.0
Minnesota	11	300	173	17	57.7	2187	12	198.8
Wisconsin	12	310	175	15	56.5	2447	11	203.9
Purdue	11	290	176	10	60.7	2467	16	224.3

TOTAL DEFENSE

Team	G	Pls.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Iowa	11	717	3031	4.2	18	275.5
Michigan	12	764	3521	4.6	20	293.4
Michigan State	11	731	3277	4.5	22	297.9
Ohio State	12	834	3924	4.7	15	327.0
Indiana	11	744	3618	4.9	25	328.9
Illinois	11	795	3782	4.8	33	343.8
Minnesota	11	777	3936	5.1	34	357.8
Northwestern	11	792	3998	5.0	29	363.5
Wisconsin	12	887	4785	5.4	33	398.8
Purdue	11	841	4749	5.6	38	431.7

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

PASSING EFFICIENCY

Player and School	Cl.	G	Att.	Cmp.	Cmp. Pct.	Int.	Int. Pct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	Rating Points
Jim Harbaugh, Michigan	Sr.	12	254	167	65.7	8	3.1	2557	10.1	10	157.0
Dave Yarema, Michigan State	Sr.	11	297	200	67.3	11	3.7	2581	8.7	16	150.7
Mark Vlasic, Iowa	Sr.	8	152	93	61.2	4	2.6	1234	8.1	9	143.7
Jim Karsatos, Ohio State	Sr.	12	251	135	53.8	8	3.2	1927	7.7	13	129.0
Dave Kramme, Indiana	Sr.	9	155	87	56.1	6	3.9	1166	7.5	6	124.4
Tom Poholsky, Iowa	So.	10	123	64	52.0	8	6.5	980	8.0	5	119.4
Brian Menkhause, Illinois	Fr.	10	168	96	57.1	4	2.4	991	5.9	4	109.8
Rickey Foggie, Minnesota	Jr.	11	191	87	45.5	8	4.2	1265	6.6	8	106.6
Mike Greenfield, Northwestern	Jr.	11	250	126	50.4	12	4.8	1653	6.6	7	105.6
Doug Downing, Purdue	Jr.	9	137	68	49.6	5	3.6	771	5.6	6	104.0

RUSHING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Car.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	YPG
Darrell Thompson, Minnesota	Fr.	11	217	1240	5.7	8	112.7
Rick Bayless, Iowa	Sr.	11	197	1040	5.3	9	94.6
Jamie Morris, Michigan	Jr.	11	193	1039	5.4	5	94.5
Larry Emery, Wisconsin	Sr.	10	193	855	4.4	4	85.5
Anthony Thompson, Indiana	Fr.	8	163	679	4.2	5	84.9
Vince Workman, Ohio State	So.	12	197	985	5.0	7	82.1
Lorenzo White, Michigan State	Jr.	9	164	633	3.9	6	70.3
Stanley Davenport, Northwestern	Jr.	11	181	703	3.9	6	63.9
Damon Sweazy, Indiana	Sr.	9	115	542	4.7	6	60.2
Jim Bryant, Ohio State	Fr.	12	139	653	4.7	3	54.4

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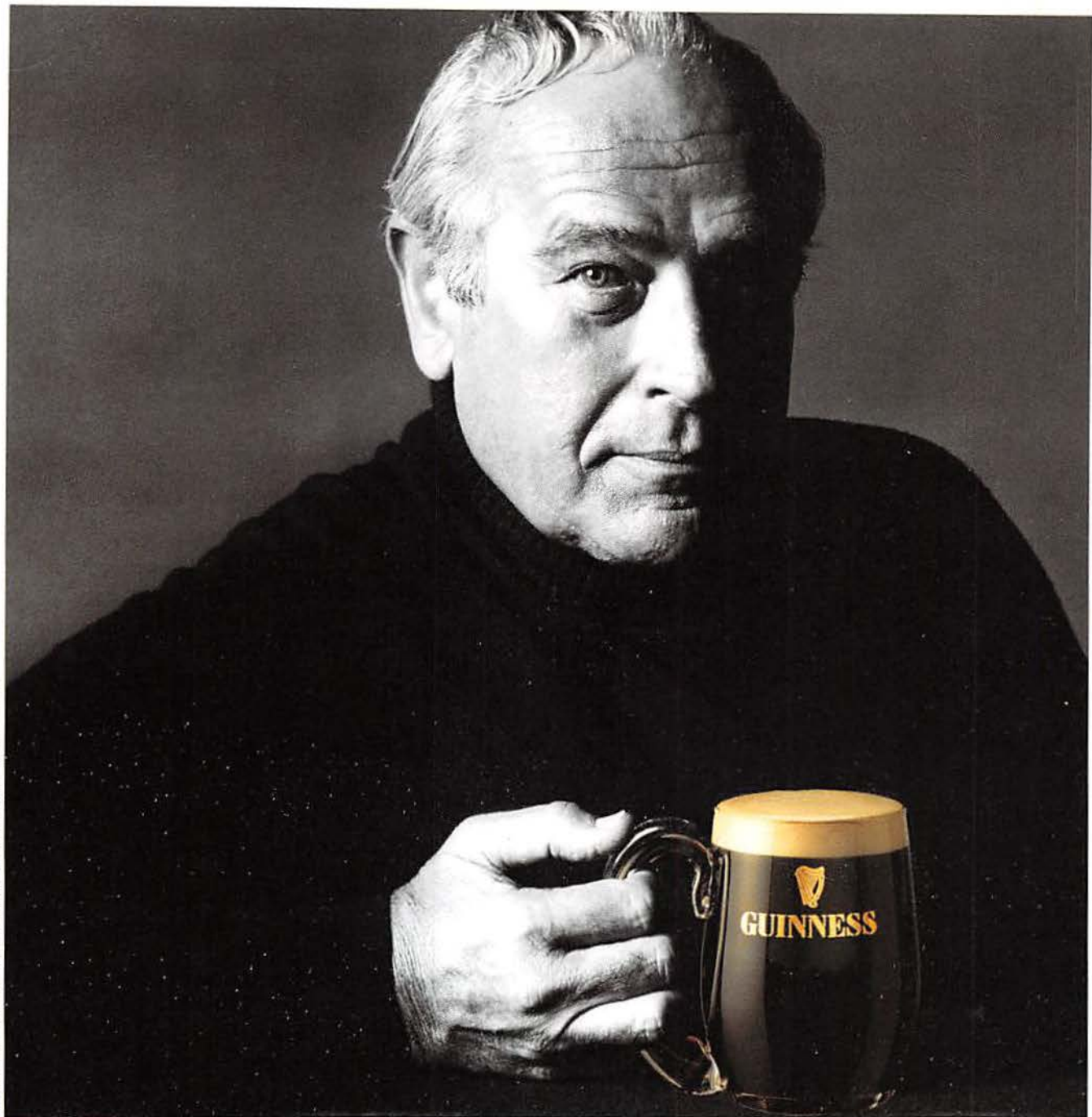
Player and School	Cl.	G	TD	PAT	FG	Pts.	PTPG
Matt Frantz, Ohio State	Jr.	7	0	22	15	67	9.6
John Duvic, Northwestern	Sr.	11	0	20	19	77	7.0
Rob Houghtlin, Iowa	Sr.	11	0	37	13	76	6.9
Mike Gillette, Michigan	So.	9	0	25	11	58	6.4
Chris Siambekos, Illinois	Fr.	10	0	19	14	61	6.1
Darrell Thompson, Minnesota	Fr.	11	11	0	0	66	6.0
Chip Lohmiller, Minnesota	Jr.	10	0	20	13	59	5.9
Pete Stoyanovich, Indiana	So.	10	0	29	9	56	5.6
Chris Caudell, Michigan State	Sr.	11	0	31	10	61	5.5
Cris Carter, Ohio State	Jr.	12	11	0	0	66	5.5

RECEIVING

Player and School	Cl.	G	Ct.	Yds.	Avg.	TD	CTPG
Cris Carter, Ohio State	Jr.	12	65	1066	16.4	11	5.4
Andre Rison, Michigan State	So.	11	54	966	17.9	5	4.9
Jerry Chaney, Purdue	Jr.	11	46	257	5.6	1	4.2
Stephen Pierce, Illinois	Sr.	11	43	602	14.0	3	3.9
Bobby Morse, Michigan State	Sr.	10	39	282	7.2	1	3.9
Jerry Reese, Illinois	Sr.	11	37	468	12.6	3	3.4
Anthony Williams, Illinois	Jr.	11	36	369	10.3	1	3.3
Mark Ingram, Michigan State	Sr.	11	35	672	19.2	5	3.2
Rick Brunner, Purdue	Sr.	11	35	496	14.2	1	3.2
Gerald White, Michigan	Sr.	11	35	385	11.0	3	3.2

PUNTING

Player and School	Cl.	No.	Yds.	Avg.
Greg Montgomery, Michigan State	Jr.	39	1865	47.8
Monte Robbins, Michigan	Jr.	33	1456	44.1
Tom Tupa, Ohio State	Jr.	50	2180	43.6
Scott Cepicky, Wisconsin	Jr.	67	2879	43.0
Dan Stryzinski, Indiana	Sr.	54	2234	41.4
Gary Kostrubala, Iowa	Sr.	46	1866	40.6
Brent Herbel, Minnesota	So.	46	1862	40.5
Shawn McCarthy, Purdue	Fr.	63	2453	38.9
Chad Little, Illinois	Jr.	55	2103	38.2
Shawn Carpenter, Northwestern	Jr.	53	1935	36.5



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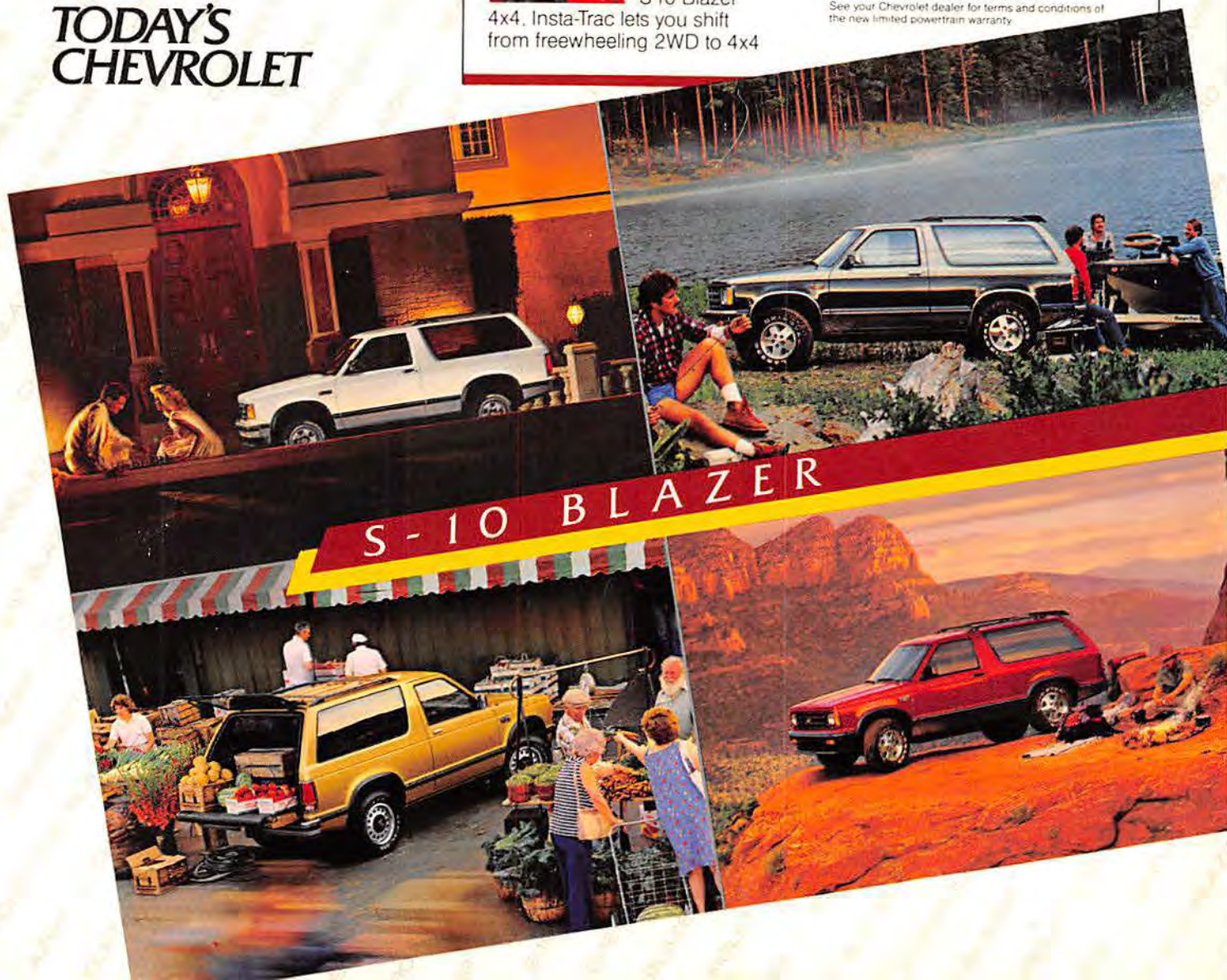
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